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Midwestern university students learn to surf new wave

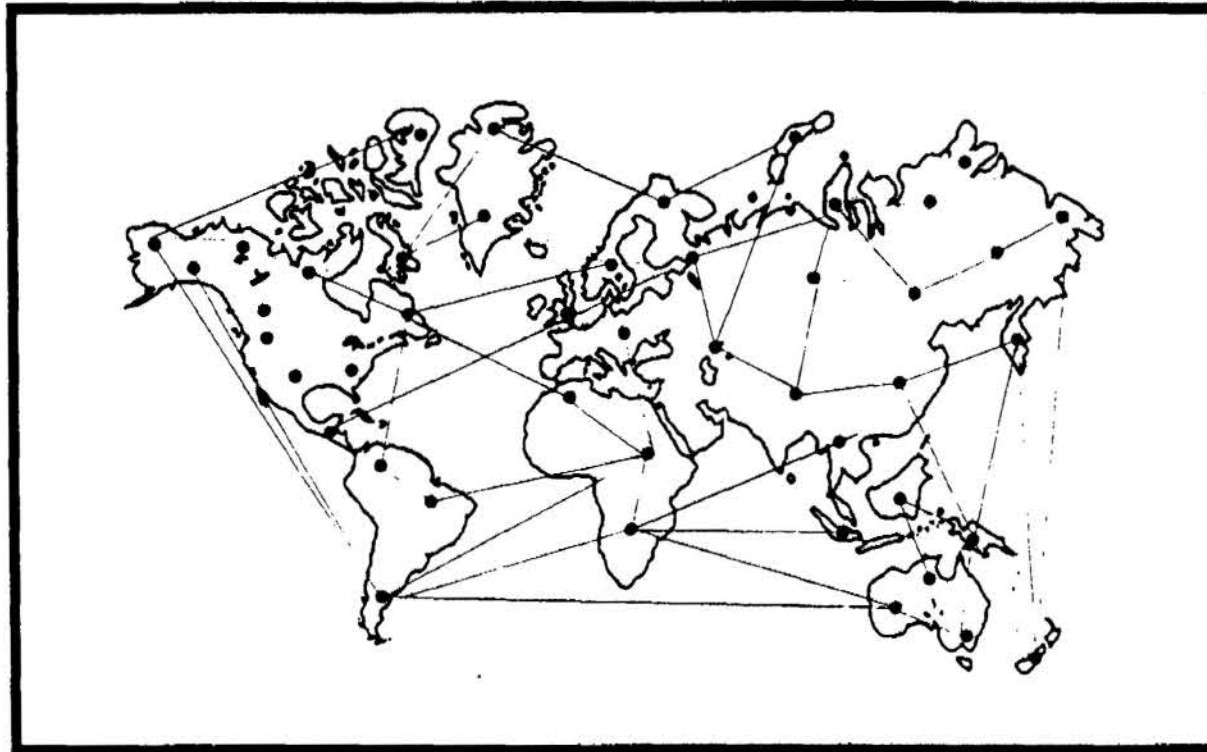
James A. Smith
Staff Writer

The phrase 'surfing the net' has become commonly used in the past few years, and college campuses have been quick to make internet capabilities (that is to say, access to a worldwide network of electronically connected computers) accessible to their students.

Fort Hays State University is no exception. Different internet capabilities are available in the new computer center in Tomanek Hall, as well as in the English Computer Assisted Instruction lab in the basement of the Forsyth Library.

"Most people just come in here to surf the net," Nicole Frank, Salina junior and English CAl lab employee, said. "We've got Netscape here, which people can use for all kinds of purposes."

Netscape is a software program which allows users to browse the worldwide web (a type of navigation system which allows both browsing and access to internet resources without the need to know a lot of technical



commands) from a personal computer.

"I've seen people check their stocks on the Netscape, and I've seen a guy download pictures of Beavis and Butthead from it. You can also shop for anything from jewelry to cook-

books on the net."

The new computer center in Tomanek Hall also has internet access. "We have a Macintosh lab and several IBM labs," Tom Webb, assistant director, said, "and from them

you can access tiger1 or CMS."

Tiger1 is a host computer located on FHSU's campus that students can access via modem from an off-campus location or using an on-campus computer.

CMS is another computer system located on campus. While tiger1 offers text-only access, CMS allows users to run software that will view images as well as text.

"The main thing that our students use is e-mail," Webb said. "A student is able to send and receive e-mail [an electronic type message] from anyone on the internet, including faculty and staff on campus."

Tabor Northup, Goodland sophomore, has used Netscape to keep up with the happenings of his fraternity.

"We have our own home page on Netscape," Northup said, "which is where you can find all kinds of information about the fraternity. Some of our chapters have loaded their composite pictures to the homepage, and on some of them you can click each brother's picture and find out more about him."

Netscape is also a valuable study resource. According to Frank, "You can read award-winning newspapers complete with color pictures, and you can find more research faster on the net than you can in the library." After downloading information, a student can simply print out the data they

need. "You can get into several libraries through the CMS connection on a program called Gopher," Webb said. "With the right sequence of steps, a student can reach almost any library, including the Library of Congress."

There are more educational tools that are available on the net. Medical students can access an electronic cadaver, which allows them to dissect a human body without touching a scalpel. Also, various textbooks can be downloaded from the net.

The capabilities of this fairly new technology are tremendous and growing everyday.

"I think that the best way to learn about Netscape and the Internet," Frank said, "is for a person to just come in and start using it."

Internet caught your interest???
Check out page 4 for a guide to the Internet...

Making love... Connections on the net

Kathy Hanson
Staff Writer

It's amazing what one can find on the Internet—information for research projects, jokes to e-mail friends, or maybe even someone to spend the rest of your life with.

Stephen Schleicher, Video Producer/Director and Coordinator of Interactive Television for the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Technology, and his fiancée Danica Denton would be considered a typical couple.

They met in October 1994 and knew quickly they were meant for each other. Their initial acquaintance, however, would probably be considered anything but typical.

Searching for reference materials on America Online last October, Schleicher decided to enter a chat

room. Anyone can enter a chat room and converse with other people, so Schleicher and Denton began a general conversation. Denton, who lives in Smyrna, GA, a suburb of Atlanta, said the conversation lasted for two or three hours.

Their conversation was continued via telephone that same night. "I was kind of unsure, and I didn't want to give out my phone number, so I called him," Denton said in a phone interview. "When we finished, I thought 'this is crazy.'"

America Online and the telephone helped the couple get to know each other despite the miles between them. Denton said the long distance separating the two did not hamper their relationship.

Making Love
see page 4

Art displayed at Gallery Walk

FHSU alum explores artistic roots

Crickett Reese
Ad Representative

Doloris Pfeifer Pederson, Fort Hays State University alum, will be featured in the 1995 Fall Gallery Walk at the Hays Arts Center, 112 E. 11 St.

Pederson's show, entitled "Then & Now," features work inspired by her Kansas roots and her California home.

Pederson is the youngest of 17 children to Peter and Rosa Pfeifer, "Kansas wheat farmers, who chose to live off the land." Pederson's home was located 16 miles northwest of Hays.

"Because this show is in my hometown, it has deep mean-

ing for me," Pederson said.

Many of the paintings in this particular show were inspired by Pederson's memories of her parents, her siblings and her surrounding environments in Kansas and California.

Being the youngest of 17 children, Pederson saw life from a different perspective.

"I was always the one looking in. I was always the one wondering 'When am I going to grow up?'" Pederson said.

Pederson's watercolor, titled "Little Sister," reflects memories of her childhood watching her older sisters.

"That painting is actually of all little girls looking in on their big sisters."

"I'm certain I've been inspired by Norman Rockwell's storytelling in the process of that painting."

"All of my work, in this particular show, has deep meaning," Pederson said.

Pederson has many paintings dedicated to the memory of her parents. One particular painting is one of a braided rug with a pair of "Daddy's" old work boots.

"That rug was braided by my mother. It was actually my old Marion High School uniform."

"Having raised us during the Depression, my mother was very conservative. That painting symbolizes every homemaker during the Depression," said Pederson.

Presently Pederson teaches art at Oxnard High School in California.

Pederson's next project is to paint California landscapes as she travels.

Pederson's work can also be seen in two art galleries.

"My work is currently in Schieder & Associates Gallery Limited in Toronto, Canada, and Kertesz Fine Art Galleries, San Francisco, California," Pederson said.

Now, Pederson doesn't predict another solo show for at least two years.

"I really want to search and explore, and attempt to get involved in international competitions," Pederson said.

Pederson's work can be seen on display at the Fall Gallery Walk Aug. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.



PARTS IS PARTS Tommy Williams, costume designer, discusses parts of the musical *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* Wednesday evening with the people who were auditioning. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

Change and commitment necessary for successful student government

Melissa Chaffin
Senate Reporter

Tomanek Hall, the most recent development on campus, set the tone for Student Government Association's first meeting.

In a Tomanek Hall classroom last night, President SGA LaNette Schmeidler and Vice President Travis Crites encouraged senators to create change and make improvements.

Crites reported 18 open senate seats and announced the deadline to file intent-to-run forms is Friday, Sept. 15. Elections will be Sept. 27-28.

One of SGA's first issues to address will concern Oktoberfest as Schmeidler requested senators talk to their constituents regarding opinions on the event.

"There have been some rumblings the provost is thinking about re-instituting classes the day of Oktoberfest. Students need to really think about

how they feel about Oktoberfest and whether it is worth canceling classes for," Schmeidler said.

"At this point no official decision has been made," she said.

Schmeidler, the executive staff and the senate committee chairs utilized the first meeting by introducing themselves and explaining their duties.

Schmeidler quickly addressed the senate before leaving to present "The Ride" to the city commissioners.

"Just because I have 'president' tacked to my name doesn't mean I am unapproachable," she said.

"Our relationship must be two-way. If you know of a situation on campus worth looking into, let the staff know so we can all work together to find answers and solve problems," Schmeidler continued. "In the same light, we will work to get you the information you need to do great jobs as senators."

Crites said, "We both are striving to keep an open-door policy. If you have any questions, please come in or

call us."

"For student government to be successful, we must all have a strong dedication and commitment to attend senate meetings and do our homework for these meetings."

"Constantly ask yourself if this is for the benefit of Fort Hays students," Schmeidler encouraged senators.

Other executive staff members are Tom Moody, executive assistant; Holly Rupp, secretary; Leonard Queen, treasurer; and Darin Spence, legislative affairs director.

Senate committee chairs are Jeff Walker, appropriations; Karen Meier, legal and political action committee (LPAC); Stacia Gressel, senate affairs; and Dustin Schlaefli, student affairs.

A list of SGA senators including their addresses and phone numbers will be posted outside the SGA office in the Memorial Union.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Union and is open to the public.

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Tomanek Hall opening ceremony has been moved to inside the Beach-Schmidt Auditorium, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Ribbon cutting and tours will follow at the Tomanek Hall location.

Writer wishes our youth were with us now

By the time one comes to college, he or she (usually) is a much different person than he/she was in elementary school.

This is a shame, because many of the things we did in elementary school would be very beneficial and enjoyable to us now.

I cannot think of one college student who wouldn't love to be able to carry around a multi-colored mat and take a nap on the classroom floor.

I also think the art of using crayons has been lost as we've grown older. Maybe the art majors are smarter than



James Smith
Staff Writer

the rest of us, because they're still coloring pictures, and we're not.

I miss coloring pictures.

At one time, the coolest people in class were the ones who showed up on the first day of school with that big fat

box of sixty-four colors, ranging from sky blue to burnt cyan. Admit it, it was true.

And the coolest thing about it was that little plastic sharpener on the back of the box.

I also think college instructors could stand to learn a thing or two from grade school teachers.

Wouldn't it be easy if we could just pick up a list of school supplies before school started, then have them for the first day?

Maybe, just to make a statement, I'll revert to my old ways. Maybe

next week I'll take my old mat, my old "Dukes of Hazard" school box, and my "A-Team" lunch pail to my Intro to Literature class. Then again, maybe I won't.

But maybe, just maybe, someday I'll be the president of a university somewhere, and you know what my campus would be like?

Well, I can tell you that every class would have a ten minute milk and cookie break in the middle, and there would be a huge playground with a sandbox right in the middle of the quad.

If any school administrators agree with my sentiments, I would advise starting by bringing back recess.

We'd have to do away with that 'no walking on the grass' rule, and since we don't have any playground equipment, maybe we should invest in some of those red inflatable rubber balls we used to play dodgeball with.

Another suggestion I will make is that we install tetherball poles behind Picken Hall. (Was tetherball a use-less sport, or what?)

I have yet to turn on ESPN and see a World Tetherball Federation Tour-

namment. Then again, maybe they're on ESPN2.)

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe it's just me. But if anyone agrees with me, show it! I mean, I want to see people playing tag in front of Rarick Hall instead of just sitting around on those benches.

Lift your Smurf thermoses to the sky and chug your Sharkleberry Fin Kool-Aid!

But, don't blame me if you have to stand in a corner somewhere. I never did get good marks on 'working and playing well with others.'

Editorial

As my first full week in Hays winds to an end, I am forced to look back with an awe-like wonder at all the activity that passed in such a short time.

As a transfer student, I expected change; I did not, however, anticipate the speed at which that change would rush in my direction. Before I had a chance to blink I was pledging a sorority, editing a newspaper and handling more credit hours in a semester than any student ought.

But these results were not at all random, they were facilitated by my own initiative. That is, perhaps, where the wonderment in it all lies.

And the more I seem to dwell on the topic of change, the more I wish to extend it toward other aspects of every day life. For instance, this very paper which offers such a wonderful opportunity for expression.

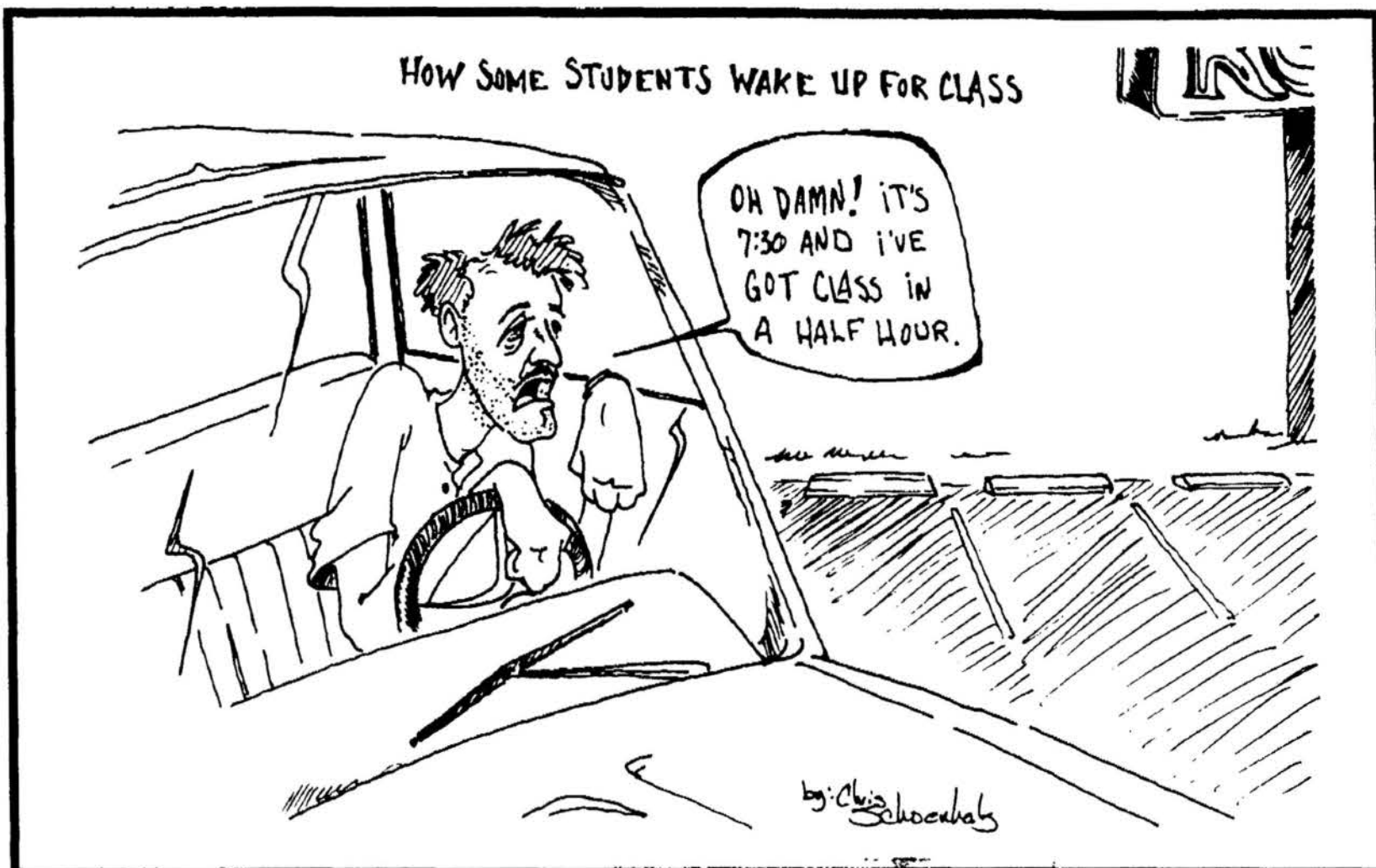
It has been called to my attention that there is a general dissatisfaction with minor aspects about the paper; what surprises me about this is that I've seen little effort on the part of those complaining to alter those things which irk them. Therefore, I would like to extend you all the invitation to make your mark.

You want a paper with interesting articles, right? Well, why don't you let us know what it is you find interesting? Drop us a line, stop by our offices or, if you're feeling really courageous, volunteer to write an article, or merely submit an opinion piece on a subject you feel strongly about.

If it's the pure entertainment of the paper you feel you're missing out on, then I encourage you to make it your paper. Let us know what's going on with your group on campus. Get a group of your friends together and turn our classified section into a personals through your submissions. We are here to inform you, to entertain you, and lest it be forgot, to entertain you. But we need your support and, yes, even your help to do it.

Call me an idealist. Brush me off as that strange chick from California with weird ideas if you like, but at least I'll know I did not ignore the ineffable opportunity of expression when it stared me straight in the face and offered me a challenge. Can you say the same?

Jenna Winterberg
Managing Editor



Editorial advocates

It's his word against hers at congressman's sex trial

James Webb
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The sexual misconduct trial of U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds comes down to his word against that of his teen-age accuser — but the problem for the jury could be deciding if either is believable.

Should jurors believe Reynolds, a master political salesman who talked his way from a Mississippi cotton field to Capitol Hill?

He claims his tape-recorded telephone talk about sexual encounters with a teen-age girl are fantasies, not fact.

Or should they believe troubled former campaign volunteer Beverly Heard, who admits she has lied about the case in the past? She now says she had underage sex with the congress-

man but hopes he will be acquitted anyway.

"There's one issue and one issue alone — and that is whether Mel Reynolds had sex with Beverly Heard," says defense attorney Ed Genson. "If he didn't have sexual contact with Beverly Heard he's innocent. If he did he's guilty."

Jurors will be asked to make that decision when they begin deliberations following Monday's scheduled closing arguments.

Authorities on courtroom strategy confess they can't predict just how the jurors might reach their decision or how they might respond to the clearly problematical cast of characters in the case.

"The fact that it's a motley crew may suggest to the jury who cares about these people, leave them to their own devices, but it may increase the jury's commitment to follow the law," said Northwestern University law professor Ronald Allen.

"The tapes are very bad for Reynolds and his explanation is not likely to be believed by the jury," Allen said. "But if the jury is going to acquit in this case, they're going to

acquit against the evidence."

Reynolds, 43, is charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse, criminal sexual assault, child pornography and obstruction of justice.

Prosecutors say he had sexual relations with Heard when she was 16 and 17, asked her to get lewd photos of a 15-year-old girl and then tried to get Heard to leave the state and sign false affidavits recanting her accusations.

The stakes are high for Reynolds — conviction of criminal sexual assault carries a mandatory minimum sentence of four years in prison.

Prosecutors first tried to prove their case with conversations taped last summer, when Heard was 18, after she took her allegations to police.

In one tape, Heard recalled that "we had some really good times."

"Uh-huh," said Reynolds, "that summer when I used to (vulgarity for intercourse) you out south in that Riverdale apartment."

Reynolds goes on to tell Heard that he is disappointed she can't meet him at his office because he'd planned on having sex with her.

Prosecutors tried to back up the

tapes with Heard's testimony, but the case was plagued with trouble from the start. Heard, who recanted her accusations three times, spent 12 days in jail for refusing to testify before finally taking the stand.

She finally testified that she had sexual relations with Reynolds two to three times a week when she was 16 and less often when she was 17.

But she also testified that she signed the false affidavits and left the state on her own accord, with no urging from Reynolds, because she didn't want him to go to prison.

Reynolds took the stand last week to tell his side.

Prosecutors pounded away with evidence that he engineered Heard's recantation. And they sought to trap Reynolds with questions about which of his sexual remarks on tape were fantasies and which were based on fact.

Doubtless they scored some points. And at one point, Reynolds blew up at prosecutorial "Gestapo tactics."

But he always stuck to his story that his conversations with Heard were just talk and he never actually touched her.

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Dole suffering from frontrunner syndrome

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's setback in last weekend's straw poll came as a big surprise to everyone, most of all Dole. In retrospect, it should have been predictable.

In explaining the jolt, loyal Dole backers like Gov. Terry Branstad may have done a better job than they thought. They not only explained the setback, they underscored what could be some troubling weaknesses in Dole's bid to seek the Republican presidential nomination.

Branstad is a politician with instincts that are beyond question, and who has a bone-deep feel for the state's political currents. Asked how a politi-

cian with Dole's long history and blue-chip list of endorsements in the state could have ended up in a dead-heat with Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, Branstad had a simple answer.

"It's becoming more of a Republican state and we've got more of a diverse Republican Party," said Branstad.

While Dole played by the rules and turned his people out for the straw poll, "you had a much bigger universe," Branstad said.

That's a sobering thought for Dole, who is hoping to use Iowa's first-in-the-nation precinct caucuses as a springboard to his party's nomination.

Dole's assets in the state are legion, his weaknesses far more subtle. His backers point to a solid win in the 1988 precinct caucuses, and a

campaign history that dates to at least 1978 in the state. He's from neighboring Kansas, and can talk in the kind of code that rural folks in Iowa understand very well.

Virtually all of the state's political elite are in Dole's camp, including savvy political types like Branstad and U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley.

So why isn't it all over?

A lot of reasons. First, Dole's victory in the 1988 precinct caucuses — as impressive as it was — was eight years ago. In those intervening eight years, a lot of water has flowed under the bridge.

Branstad's point that the Republican Party is more "diverse" says a lot. Religious conservatives have built their clout in party circles, and a lot of blue-collar former Democrats have followed that path into the GOP.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Tailgating lot space

Anyone interested in reserving a free lot space for Tailgating '95 may contact the Chamber of Commerce at 628-8201.

The Tailgating party begins at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, preceding the Emporia State/FHSU football game at Ft. Lewis Stadium.

Organization Fair

Because of the rain during the Back-to-School barbecue Monday, there will be an Organization Fair Wednesday from 12 to 2 p.m. in front of the Memorial Union.

This will be an opportunity to see what various organizations on campus have to offer.

For more information, contact the Student Government Association office at 628-5311.

SGA applications

Applications for Student Government Association university-wide committees are now available in the SGA office, first floor of the Memorial Union.

Anyone interested is encouraged to pick up an application.

Graduate deadlines

The deadline to file an Intent to Graduate form for Fall 1995 for master's degree and Specialist in Education degree students is today.

For more information, call 628-4237, or stop by Picken 202.

Accounting meeting

There will be an accounting club membership drive pizza party at Pizza Arena, 3310 Vine St., at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

This event is free for old and new members.

Open to all business majors of all classifications. Sponsored by Kennedy and Coe.

A speaker will discuss public accounting and the accounting club will have a short meeting.

CCCC barbecue

The Comeau Catholic Campus Center will have its free annual Welcome Back Barbecue at the center, 506 W. 6th St., at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Mass schedules for this semester are 9:30 a.m. and 6 and 9 p.m. on Sundays, and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the center at 625-7396.

Seminar offered

The Protestant Campus Center invites you to its first "Heretics, History and Holiness" seminar at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the PCC, on the corner of 6th and Elm streets.

The PCC worships at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by a free home-cooked meal.

ID card troubles

Equipment malfunctions noted

James A. Smith
Staff Writer

The new University Card program has encountered a few minor glitches in its first weeks on Fort Hays State University's campus.

"Monday morning we found that there was a production equipment malfunction that was causing some of the cards to work improperly," John Ross, card director, said.

"We discovered that the machine was, in essence, writing the wrong data to the card."

The data error was causing students to not be able to use their cards in ATM machines, or snack and soda machines.

Also, some cards were not allowing students to access their meal plans.

"I talked to Professional Food Management about that to be sure that the students would be able to eat," Ross said.

"My main responsibility is taking care of the cardholder."

"The problem was with one of the machines that was provided to us by AT&T, so I'm making sure that they take care of the equipment without the university being charged for it. So far, they've been very cooperative."

tive."

Equipment failure has also caused a problem in other parts of the system. All three of the cash-to-card machines were inoperable at the end of last week. The machines deposit money to the cards which can be used in campus vending machines.

"I called the Danyl Corporation, which makes the machines, and they've had two of them fixed so far," Ross said.

"One had a five dollar bill crumpled inside, and it's working now. The one in the Memorial Union was shorted out before it was even shipped to us, but it should be fixed soon."

Though the program has had its snags, the response to the University Card program has been a predominantly positive one.

According to Tara Deeds, North Platte, Neb., sophomore, "I haven't had anybody hostile or anything, just people coming in and asking for their cards to be reprinted."

Deeds works with the card production machines in the Union cafeteria. "I, myself, haven't had any complaints. There are a lot of people excited about it."

Ross said a lot of the confusion comes from lack of knowledge. "A

Board of regents approves changes for college of business

Karen Meier
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents has approved several changes for the Fort Hays State College of Business.

According to Robert Meier, professor of computer and information systems, the department was reorganized to "facilitate AACSB (American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation."

Although all majors offered through the College of Business will continue to be supported,

some students may see a change in advisors, Meier said.

Formerly, the College of Business contained four departments: computer information systems/quantitative methods (CIS/QM); business education and office administration (BEOA); business administration; and economics and finance, he said.

Originally, BEOA offered majors in business communication, business education, office administration and secretarial administration.

Business education has now moved to the College of Business, Meier said, and CIS/QM will support the other three majors formerly of-

fered through BEOA.

Along with these changes in organization, several name changes have also been made.

The former department of computer information systems/quantitative methods will now be called the department of computer and information systems, according to a press release.

Additionally, the major in office administration is now known as a major in office management systems, and the major in secretarial administration will now be called office technology, Meier said.

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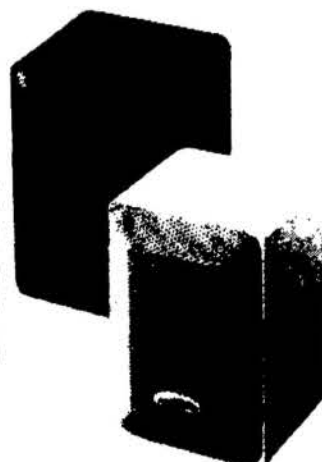
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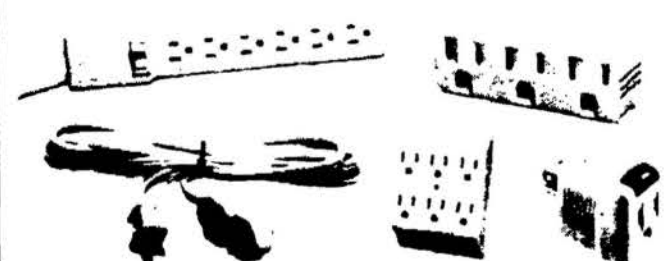
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Internet flirtation made easy

Jenna Winterberg
Managing Editor

Okay, so you've been meaning to jump onto the internet for quite some time now. Your friends have all been talking about the ease with which they keep in touch with their long distance friends, and the access they have to research material world wide...but frankly, the question we've all been asking is: what's in it for me?

The answer: what the internet is perhaps best known for, its chat rooms. That's right, places to mingle in cyberspace.

For the newbie (that's 'beginner' in net speak), the whole of the internet can seem a bit vast and more than a little intimidating, but in reality, learning to drive on the information super-highway is more fun than work. It's just a matter of knowing a few simple things.

The most important insight to internet conversation is, of course, where to go.

With the University account, all students have access to a number of possible rooms and literally millions of strangers to "hang out with" in virtual reality. The simplest of these systems is called IRC (that stands for Internet Relay Chat).

When you enter the realm of IRC, you have a choice of hundreds of channels. You can list what channels are active by typing /list-min 5 (this will list only the channels with five or more people on them at the time you've logged on).

Channels are separated by subject, and titles are usually indicative of what you'll find once you enter your /join channel #whatever command.

The IRC system is really broad...channels range from #bored (idle chit-chat) to #hanzi (for conversation strictly in HZ Chinese Code). The channels often alter but one thing remains the same: there is always something for everyone.

Once you've found a place you fit in, there are a few rules you'll need to

follow. Commonly known as "netiquette," these rules are essential to a positive chat experience:

1. Don't SPAM (automated universal post)...it's the equivalent of sending everyone in your neighborhood junk mail.

2. Avoid "flaming" whenever possible (flaming is arguing with another user). A good rule to follow: if you're anti-Rush, don't join the Limbaugh channel.

3. Keep a positive attitude. Though some channels are catered to those who need support, most are just there for entertainment's sake. Don't deliberately spoil someone else's net escape.

If you follow these simple rules you'll soon be enjoying your new cyber space buddies, and instead of doing homework you'll be expressing yourself in net speak while "ROTFLOLPIMP" (that's Rolling On the Floor Laughing Out Loud Peeing in My Pants...as any internet junkie will gladly relate).

Fashion classics?

You gotta be kidding

Francine Parnes
Associated Press

In the 1950s, when Detroit wanted to update a classic, it rolled out Cadillacs with oh-so-trendy fins.

In the 1970s, when Hollywood wanted to reinvent a classic, it reworked "Casablanca" into "Play It Again, Sam."

Today, Seventh Avenue is taking a nip here, a tuck there and revitalizing perennial fashion favorites.

Designers are modernizing trusty loafers with hip chunky heels. They're changing the proportion of the basic oxford cloth white shirt by slashing it into a sexy crop top.

Now that it's back to basics this fall, the industry is doing its best to tweak conservative chic. After all, it's a fashion axiom that nothing ever comes back the same way.

Sequins are sprinkled on Donna Karan's traditional tweeds and Isaac Mizrahi's classic pea coats.

Mizrahi's sweater sets look modern in down-filled white satin, while Todd Oldham's are revamped in silk knit.

Even traditional companies such as Burberry's are putting a twist on the cashmere twin set.

"This fall, we have modified the twin set with a little bit of shaping to make it more body-conscious," says Barry Goldsmith, president of Burberry's North America in New York. "We made the crew neck shell

Net Speak for the Newbie

Acronyms sure to help:

AFK = Away from keyboard
BRB = Be right back
BTW = By the way
CUL = See you later
HHOK = Ha ha only kidding
HHOS = Ha ha only serious
LOL = Laughing out loud
TTYL = Talk to you later
WTG = Way to go

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Making Love from page 1

"We were more honest, and we weren't trying to put up a front. We got to know each other much quicker than usual," she said.

"We realized that we had something in common and that we had some things to talk about, so we were really able to get to know each other rather quickly," Schleicher said.

The progression from the relationship of Internet penpals to a caring and romantic one happened as naturally as in other relationships. Both Schleicher and Denton say it's difficult to define when the progression occurred. They explain it as most other couples do, saying it just happened.

In January 1995, Denton flew to Kansas to meet Schleicher in person for the first time. Schleicher said by this time, they both felt they shared a special relationship. "I knew everything about her except what it was like to hold her hand," he said.

Denton said she was nervous about the meeting. "We had all these expectations built up. But once we

exchanged hellos and started talking I felt totally at ease. I knew that was different from past relationships. This was really going somewhere."

Since January, Denton and Schleicher have seen each other about every other month. In November, Schleicher will begin moving his belongings to Georgia where the couple will live after their Dec. 9 wedding.

Although his story has a happy ending, Schleicher warns that Internet romance may not be in store for everyone. He says it is important to be cautious because not all people on the Internet are being honest. The situation, however, worked well for Schleicher and Denton.

Schleicher said, "It is a different way to meet, but once the relationship starts it's just like any other relationship that you have if a person is a couple of blocks away from you. You have to go through the same problems, the same troubles. But if that person's right for you, you're going to know."



FLAGGED DOWN Christina Sander, Morrill, Senior, helps to teach the Flag Corps a new routine Wednesday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Matt Hoernicke)

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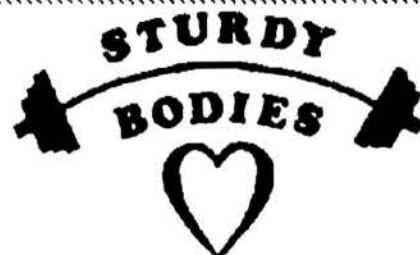
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Weekly Horoscope

Miss Anna
Associated Press

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Creative opportunities during the week may be just the opening you need in order to explore a career-related idea you have been toying with for some time now.

Give your mind and nerves a rest, you will need to be 100% on the homefront. Romance is highlighted at night.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You seem to be overly concerned with your financial base. You and a mate haggle over joint funds and finally agree on a better approach to handling your money.

Relationships with coworkers are positive and beneficial. Someone will do you a big favor soon.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

A powerful mutual attraction may arise between you and someone you meet during the week.

The other person will take the lead in bolstering the relationship. Your emotions are downbeat, and probably affecting your work or health - make sure to conserve your energies.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Be skeptical of promises given to you by a close friend or business partner.

Your financial prospects are slowly improving. Be extra cautious in dealing with other people's money.

The key is to focus on positive emotions and diffuse tensions as they arise.

LEO: (July 24- Aug. 23)

Although you may be in the mood to have things your own way, it's not a good time to insist on that.

Back off with your loved ones, they are no doubt distressed by your efforts.

You seem to be busier than ever with friends and neighbors showering you with invitations.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You have a lot of personal and family obligations this week. Despite all this commotion, you feel surprisingly calm and more serene than usual. Old emotional issues now make sense and you are free to deal with them and then let them go and get on with your life.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

The week begins confusingly and doesn't seem to improve much at all. Money news may be iffy at best, and cooperation is definitely lacking.

Try to bypass and form of speculation. Dreams of traveling are a pleasant diversion from the daily grind, what are you escaping from?

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You are feeling overly burdened by family responsibilities.

Being a strong and stable person, people naturally tend to count on you; maybe it's time to be a little selfish and work on your own interests.

It's up to you to decide how much you will give to those around you.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Being ambivalent about a home problem will not help matters at all. This could be one of those matters

that must be approached head on.

Those around you may be somewhat touchy, so take that into account when dealing with all. Realign your priorities - the future is bright.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Follow through on a project that is money, family or property related. This could have potential well beyond the immediate benefits.

Distractions at work have a negative effect on your concentration. You will connect with a like-minded individual who wants to help you.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Working harder than ever, it seems as if every task requires twice the time and effort to finish.

You may be a little rundown and that is why everything seems to be such a big chore.

Start taking better care of yourself, and your outlook will be much brighter.

PISCES: (Feb. 20 - March 20)

A financial matter requires your attention.

Old debts must be cleared away as soon as possible - it will take some effort to get your cash flow situation to a comfortable point.

You are busier than usual and have less time for fun and games. A new lover is patiently waiting.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Being naturally detail minded, you tend to have few money troubles - this is your conservative and sensible side that comes out when handling financial matters.

Try not to be picky and judgemental with potential partners; remember there is no such thing as perfect.

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THINKING HARD Melissa Ormiston, Cunningham, Junior, studies underneath a tree outside of McCarty Hall, yesterday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Matt Hoernicke)

Missing iguana returns home

Associated Press

RICHMOND, R.I. (AP) - A 4 1/2-foot iguana is back home after a 19-day adventure.

Lizzie, a 4-year-old iguana, was let outside July 30 by his owner, Merri Gardiner, but never scratched on the door to be let back in, as he was trained to do.

The lizard was last seen by a Richmond man who called police later that day to tell them he had seen the iguana sunning himself in Gardiner's driveway. When the man approached, the iguana ran up a tree in Gardiner's yard.

For the next 19 days Gardiner walked her neighborhood looking for Lizzie, while Richmond animal control officer Anne Fisher searched local sod farms.

A "heartbroken" Gardiner had given up and was taking apart Lizzie's cage last Friday afternoon when she heard the familiar scratching on the door. "I opened the door, and he trotted in like nothing was wrong," she said.

She said the iguana must have been watching the house from the woods and seen her taking down the cage.

"I think he said, 'Whoa! Wait a

minute! I was planning on coming home sometime,'" Gardiner said.

She said she'll keep a closer eye on Lizzie from now on.

"He's lost his freedom," she said.

Stains prompt grape juice elimination from schools menu

Associated Press

WHEELING, W. Va. (AP) - Grape juice is out this year in Ohio County's school system at the request of parents who grew weary of cleaning and replacing their children's stained clothing.

Nutrition Director James Freeland said the juice was highly nutritious, but "we also have to look at the laundry bill."

"Those types of stains are probably the most difficult to get out of clothes," Freeland said. "We're going to have to look at it again before we decide to bring it back."

Schools Superintendent H. Lawrence Jones said officials followed the recommendations of an advisory council.

"There are many parents on that council and they have expressed that we should not use the grape juice because the stains are so difficult to remove," Jones said.

"I love grape juice," he said. "It's my preference, but there are sacrifices that have to be made."

For the time being, pasta, mustard and other potential stainmakers apparently are safe.

"We're staying with the spaghetti right now," Freeland said.

In Ocean City, pun contest wraps up weird contest week

Associated Press

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (AP) - A putrid puns contest limped through a second year Friday after the defending champion was banned from competing for being too good.

Defending champion Joseph Ganiel, 38, associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in Salem, was barred from participating because he was so good last year, Sotter said.

But far be it from Sotter to limit laughs. He invited Ganiel to warm up the crowd. Ganiel showed up with two cardboard boxes full of props and quickly demonstrated why he was barred.

His humor was divine.

"Holding up a pizza carton, he said, 'Why did Jesus Christ come? To bring pizza on earth and goodwill towards men.'"

"Holding up a toy, nubile bee on a cafeteria tray, he said, 'Know what Judas did? He bee-trayed Jesus.'"

"Holding up a female cow, he said, 'I am the Lord your God, you shall worship no other.'"

The contest wrapped up "Weird Contest Week," which included a wet T-shirt throwing competition.

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New names join the FHSU faculty and staff

William Campion

William Campion, Jamesville, Wis., was recently named associate professor of computer and information systems for the 1995-96 academic year.

Campion received a Ph.D. in management and marketing from the University of Oregon, Eugene; a master of business administration degree in management from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and a bachelor of science degree in economics and industrial administration from Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

Campion was a visiting professor of business administration at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an adjunct professor of business administration at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

At Eastern Washington University, Cheney, he served as associate and active dean and as a professor of business administration. He has served as professor of business administration to a number of institutions.

He is a member of the American Management Association, Decision Sciences Institute, Academy of Marketing Science, American Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Society of Microwave Engineers.

Campion has organized and chaired several sessions for the American Institute for Decision Sciences and American Marketing Association.

Zhiyuan Chen

Zhiyuan Chen, Minneapolis, Minn., was recently named visiting assistant professor of modern languages for the 1995-96 academic year.

Chen received a Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics with a minor in Chinese Linguistics and a master of arts degree in Spanish Linguistics with a minor in Spanish literature, both from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus, Minneapolis.

He received a master of arts degree in linguistics from the Mexico National Anthropological Institute, Mexico; a bachelor of arts degree in English from the National Cultural Administration Institute of China, Beijing; and a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute, Beijing.

Chen previously taught Spanish at Lakewood Community College, St. Paul, Minn., and at Concordia College, St. Paul.

He was a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota, teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced Spanish. He also tutored students in Chinese at the University of Minnesota.

Ona Lou Britton

Ona Lou Britton, Norman, Okla., was recently named assistant professor for Forsyth Library for the 1995-96 academic year.

Britton received a bachelor of arts degree in letters and master's degrees in English and library and information studies from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

She was a student intern at the Engineering Library in Norman, Okla., and a graduate assistant of the History and Science Collection.

Britton also served as an adjunct lecturer at Rose State College, Mid-

west City, Okla., and a writing tutor at the University of Oklahoma.

Ray Johnson

Ray Johnson, Perry, Okla., was recently named assistant professor of educational administration and counseling for the 1995-96 academic year.

Johnson received bachelor and master of science degrees in industrial education from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and an Ed.D. in education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

He previously served as principal of Maxwell International Bahai School, Shawnee Lake, British Columbia.

Johnson was an associate professor of education at FHSU and was a superintendent for Hardest School District, Haresty, Okla., and the New Era High School and Junior College in Panchgani, India.

Johnson has many articles published in various journals and is a member of "Health 2000," a British Columbia Ministry of Education Task Force dealing with youth violence and critical social issues.

He is also a national member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Associate Networks for Character Education and Global Education.

Myra Jo Bates

Myra Jo Bates, Lincoln, Neb., was recently named assistant professor of business administration for the 1995-96 academic year.

Bates received a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a master of business administration in marketing and international business from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and a bachelor of science degree in accountancy from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. She also received an associate of arts degree in general studies from Central Florida Community College, Ocala, Fla.

She previously served as an accountant for the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and at Rio Grande Marble, Co., in Albuquerque.

Bates has co-authored a number of books and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Business Society and the Golden Key Honor Society at Northern Illinois University.

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Ito rejects motion on Fuhrman tapes: Clark says some tapes missing

Linda Deutsch
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson seemed upset and depressed at times over his divorce from Nicole Brown Simpson in the weeks before her murder, but appeared relaxed and happy the night she died, a friend of the former American football star testified Tuesday.

Christian Reichardt said Simpson and his ex-wife had a rocky, on-again-off-again relationship in the 18 months Reichardt knew them.

Reichardt, the former boyfriend of Ms. Simpson's friend Faye

Resnick, testified that Simpson called him the night of June 12, 1994. Prosecutors say Simpson's ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman were killed about an hour and 15 minutes later in front of her home, a few miles from Simpson's estate.

"He seemed a little bit more relaxed than in the recent month. He seemed very jovial," Reichardt told jurors.

"Did he seem downcast or sad at all during this conversation?" defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. asked.

"Not at all," Reichardt said.

The judge had barred Reichardt from testifying about what the defense originally wanted him to say: that Resnick had a terrible drug problem and stayed for a time with Ms.

Simpson before the murders. The defense has suggested drug hitmen committed the killings, possibly to send a message to Resnick for failing to pay her drug bills.

Judge Lance Ito also warned lawyers for both sides that he is fed up with some courtroom antics and again threatened to remove a video camera that allows the trial to be viewed on television in the U.S. and abroad.

"Attorneys from both sides have referred to what other people around this country may think," about various aspects of the trial, Ito said. "That causes me to believe that the lawyers are pandering to the cameras, and that causes me to believe that probably I ought to pull the plug on the cameras. I'm contemplating doing that."

Also Tuesday, Ito said he will rule next week on whether tapes of a screenwriter's interviews with a police detective — a key prosecution witness — are admissible as evidence.

On the tapes, Detective Mark Fuhrman repeatedly uses a racial slur, derides women, advocates police brutality and said one of his superiors "should be shot."

The defense wants to use the tapes to discredit Fuhrman, who testified at Simpson's trial that he had not used the racial slur in the past 10 years. Simpson's attorneys claim Fuhrman is racist and placed evidence to make it appear Simpson, who is black, killed his ex-wife and Goldman.

Developments in the O.J. Simpson case

INCOHERENT FILING: Superior Court Judge Lance Ito rejected "as incoherent" a defense motion seeking to play for jurors audio tapes of inflammatory comments made by retired detective Mark Fuhrman.

Ito said Monday he reviewed transcripts of the tapes over the weekend and couldn't find several of the supposed quotes cited by the defense.

LEAKS CONFIRMED: The judge's ruling confirmed news leaks that Fuhrman gratuitously used a racial epithet for blacks. Many of the statements Ito cited in the ruling, however, had never been publicly revealed before.

NEW VERSION: Defense attor-

ney Johnnie Cochran Jr. apologized to Ito for the confusion, saying the judge had reviewed transcripts prepared by the North Carolina professor who interviewed Fuhrman for a screenplay. He assured Ito the defense would provide corrected transcripts and tapes that had been electronically enhanced to reduce background noise.

MISSING TAPE: Prosecutor Marcia Clark told Ito the reason he couldn't find some passages on tapes cited in transcripts was because they had been destroyed. Clark said interviewer Laura Hart McKinny destroyed some tapes of her conversations with Fuhrman after doing her own transcripts for her screenplay.

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED:

A lawyer for McKinny complained to Ito about press leaks and demanded an investigation, accusing the defense of giving them to reporters. Matthew Schwartz said he wanted reporters to identify their sources under oath. The judge took no immediate action.

FORENSIC MISTAKES: John Larry Ragle, former head of the Orange County crime lab, told jurors that police forensic work in the Simpson case was substandard. Ragle pointed out many mistakes made at the crime scene — a subject which the prosecution objected to as cumulative. The judge said the topic had been well-explored before but allowed Ragle to offer his opinion.

TRIAL COSTS: Los Angeles County released figures showing that

as of July 31 it had spent more than \$7.1 million on the Simpson case, including more than \$2.1 million to sequester the jury. The largest expense — \$3.3 million — has gone for prosecutorial and investigative expenses by the district attorney's office.

WHAT'S NEXT: Today's first witness was to be Christian Reichardt, former boyfriend of Ms. Simpson's friend Faye Resnick. Reichardt is expected to testify about Simpson's demeanor around the time of the murders. The judge has barred Reichardt from testifying about Resnick's drug problem, which the defense says may be linked to the killings.

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Back to school...

(Photos clockwise from top-left)

JUST DIG IT Aaron Foist, Sabetha senior, chases a ball hit by Christie Miller, Washington, Kans. senior, during a volleyball game Wednesday night behind Agnew Hall. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

LUNCHTIME LOUNGING Cari Rohleder, Hays sophomore, talks with her husband, Scott, during her lunch break yesterday in the quad. (University Leader photo by Kari Sparks)

SING YOUR HEART OUT Lindsay Vogel, Kiowa sophomore, sings during the tryouts for The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas Wednesday evening. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

HIGH KICKERS The Tiger Debs practice yesterday afternoon on the practice field behind the presidents house. The Debs' first performance is Sept. 2 during the FHSC versus Emporia State game. (University Leader photo by Matt Hoernicke)

THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER Nicole Louis, Garden City senior, and Sue Strohkirch, assistant professor of communications, work on improvisational speeches based on sayings out of fortune cookies yesterday in the quad. Louis is one of only two people in the class. (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)



Edwards on hold due to lockout

Heather Randolph
Sports Editor

According to Head Basketball Coach Gary Garner, ex-Tiger basketball player Dennis Edwards received an invitation to attend an extensive tryout camp in Toronto, Canada.

The Toronto Raptors, a new team to the National Basketball Association, is the team that offered Edwards the tryout.

However, plans are on hold due to the nation-wide NBA lockout.

The head of the embattled NBA players union is optimistic that a series of meetings with the membership is helping in the fight to win endorsement of its contract with the league.

"I believe as these meetings continue, the groundswell of support for the agreement and our union will continue to grow," National Basketball Players Association Executive Director Simon Gourdine said Saturday.

"The meetings we have had so far have been good, vigorous discussions that I think have really helped explain

the details of our new agreement."

The first three days of meetings being conducted by two-man teams in 18 cities ended Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

To date, the teams have met with 50 players in seven cities to explain the six-year collective bargain agreement reached Aug. 8.

The meetings will continue through

cast ballots either day at regional offices of the National Labor Relations Board. A simple majority will decide both the fate of the union and the revised labor pact, and results will be announced Sept. 12.

A group of players led by Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing want to decertify the union.

"If they vote to decertify, they are implicitly rejecting the contract and want to proceed along the antitrust route. Conversely, if they vote against the decertification, they are saying they are approving of what the union has done and approving of this contract."

Owners have to ratify the agreement as well, but commissioner David Stern has indicated a vote won't take place until the players make their decision. The NLRB called the election last month after approximately 200 dissident players signed petitions saying they no longer wished to be represented by the union.

According to Coach Garner, along with the Raptors, Edwards is also on hold.

Garner received his information directly from Edwards who believes that if the conflicts are resolved soon, he will finish his tryout opportunity.

If the lockout is not resolved soon, the entire NBA season may be in jeopardy.

(Associated Press contributed to this article.)

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executive director



Aug. 28. Players will decide on two voting days - Aug. 30 and Sept. 7 - whether to accept the contract or to dissolve their union and go through the federal courts to end the owners' lockout and get a better deal.

More than 400 eligible players can

"We consider decertification to be a referendum on the agreement," Gourdine said earlier in the week. "The issue of decertification is critically linked to whether or not this agreement is something the players want."



GET A GRIP Dennis Edwards, FHSU graduate, grips a basketball during last season. Edwards has been offered an invitation to try out for the Toronto Raptors. (University Leader file photo by Fred Hunt)

Mr. Smith goes to Atlanta

Heather Randolph
Sports Editor

Head wrestling coach Robert Smith traveled to Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 6-9 to attend the National Wrestling Coaches Association convention.

According to Smith, the NWCA is the governing body which controls the activities of all collegiate, as well as college, wrestling programs across the nation.

Since only Division I colleges are required to attend the convention, Smith was happy the Athletic Department funded his attendance.

While at the convention Smith said he heard a variety of keynote speeches by some of the biggest wrestling names, such as World Champions Dan Gable, head coach at Iowa University, and John Smith, head coach at Oklahoma State University.

According to Smith, one of the high points of the convention was a speech given by 35-year-old Joe Galli, the President and CEO of the Black and Decker Corporation.

Smith noted Galli related his wrestling experiences at North Carolina to climbing the ladder of success in his company.

Other than speaking presentations,

Smith was able to attend technique sessions at the convention.

According to Smith three separate sessions were offered, each given by a different technician.

Pat Pecora of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Tim Neumann of the University of Nebraska, and Steve Martin of Virginia offered sessions.

Sessions were also given on NCAA competitive safeguards, legislation, NCAA compliance, officiating improvement and general information about the wrestling world.

Johnny Dupont and Asics sponsored the convention.

Smith felt the convention was an excellent way to learn new wrestling methods, especially while discussing technique with other coaches one on one.

Smith plans to implement ideas from the convention in the upcoming grappling season.

Also, while in Atlanta for the convention, Smith was able to stay through Aug. 13 to attend the 1995 Freestyle World Wrestling Championships at the Omni.

According to Smith, the championships are a competition of 39 countries competing for the World Freestyle Champion title in 10 indi-



vidual weight classes.

Some of the countries involved were Australia, Bulgaria, Germany, Japan, Korea, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Turkey and the United States of America.

The 1995 United States Freestyle World Team was comprised of seven World Champions, two top place 1993 World Champion finishers and a 1995 U.S. Nationals Champion to total 10 of the best wrestlers in the nation to represent the U.S.

According to Smith, the competition was intense and he was able to witness three of the U.S. team members win the World Champion title in their weight class.

"I thought it was excellent wrestling, the tournament and the convention were well organized. It was a great trial run for the Olympics in Atlanta, to see if they could handle a lot of sports and people there at once," Smith said.



PEP TALK Bob Smith, head wrestling coach, helps Scott Roach, Crete, Neb., freshman, correct his form for a neck strengthening exercise. (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)

Barkley files \$4 million lawsuit

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - NBA star Charles Barkley has filed a \$4 million lawsuit against Nikon, claiming the company used an unauthorized photograph of him in a prominent ad.

The Phoenix Suns forward contends he never gave Nikon Inc. permission to use his photograph to sell its cameras.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan on Monday, said the ad showed Barkley in uniform with his head back and mouth wide open.

The photo was submitted to the 1995 MPA Kelly Awards for best

print ad of the year. It was selected as a finalist and was published in a supplement to Advertising Age/Creativity, a leading trade magazine.

The lawsuit contends the ad has caused millions of consumers to believe Barkley endorses Nikon's products.

Barkley claims he has sustained "enormous injury" to his personal and professional reputation, and his value to other sponsors has been undermined.

Nikon, headquartered in Melville, N.Y., could not be reached for comment.

Leader Sports

Mat Kat Meeting

Anyone interested in being a Mat Kat or simply learning what the organization is about should attend the first meeting of the season.

Tuesday
7 P.M.

Cunningham Hall
Room 145

Karen Hanson
Staff Writer

Athletes traditionally hold the status of heroes. Now athletes can be heroes and CHAMPS.

Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPS) begins its second year this fall.

CHAMPS involves student athletes in a program called "Life Skills," which includes five commitments: academics, athletics, personal development, services and career development.

Jim Nugent, Drug and Alcohol Wellness Network Coordinator, and Carolyn Bird, Academic Coordinator for student athletes, co-

sponsor the group.

Nugent and various Kelly Center staff are working to improve the personal and career development commitments.

Former Tiger basketball player, Steve McKelvey, is in charge of the community service aspect of the program.

McKelvey and Nugent hope to expand athletes' involvement in community projects, such as the American Heart Association Walk and Oktoberfest.

Other commitment goals include improving self-esteem, education of health issues, and aiding students in finding a career goal.

Academic success is Bird's main focus in the program. She helps athletes with study skills,

conflicts with teachers and maintenance of good grades.

Along with the sponsors' guidance, CHAMPS would like to train one member of each athletic team in the Life Skills Program, so they can act as peer educators for teammates and friends.

The Life Skills Program is sponsored by the NCAA.

According to Nugent, Fort Hays is one of two Division II schools for the program.

"We were honored to be chosen, along with the University of Denver, to have the Life Skills Program," Bird said.

The first CHAMPS meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Picken 300. Everyone interested in the program may attend.

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