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# Happy Halloween!



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## University Leader

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Fort Hays State University

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### Parents to visit 'home' Family Day

Jessica R. Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

Fort Hays State will host its annual Family Day Saturday. Family Day is a day of events scheduled for the families of current FHSU students.

Parents have a chance to learn more about what their son or daughter is involved with at FHSU.

Students and their family members may visit with FHSU faculty and have a chance to tour the newly built Tomanek Hall, as well as visit the departments which coincide with the student's major.

Families will start off the day by attending the family reception at 9 a.m. in the residence halls.

Families may purchase tickets for the FHSU vs. the Colorado School of Mines football game for \$5 for adults and \$3 for grades K-12 at the Memorial Union.

An Italian buffet will close the day

Family Day  
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OFF TO GRANDMA'S Brenda Lemon puts makeup on her children, Jess and Kendra, outside of Forsyth Library for a trip to visit their grandmother Saturday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

### Campaign drive's success depends on 'united' effort

Kathy D. Hanson  
Staff Writer

Shrinking pledges for the campus United Way campaign are slowing the fulfillment of this year's goal to match the \$17,000 raised in 1994.

According to Bob Lowen, director of University Relations and United Way campus chairman, donations from faculty and staff are minimal so far in the campaign.

"We have not raised nearly as much as last year, and we will have to close the campaign probably within a week. Hopefully the pledges are in the mail," he said.

Lowen said one reason for the slow response may be some confusion with the brochure and information mailed about the campaign drive.

Each faculty and staff member received a brochure with a pledge card located on the right hand flap.

Lowen said he has received calls from people who mistakenly discarded the brochure not realizing the pledge card was printed inside it.

"If someone needs a new pledge card, just contact me and let me know. We'll get one in the mail right away," Lowen said.

The United Way campaign is important to Lowen, who previously served as Ellis County fund drive chairman, because of the 13 agencies the funds support.

Lowen said, "It's a great cause, a very worthy cause."

Shala Bannister, affirmative action officer and United Way president of board of directors, said giving money to United Way allows people to give something to the community.

All 13 agencies which receive funds are located within Ellis County.

"Some reasons to support United Way are funds help provide victims of domestic violence with a safe place to go. Also, it helps people with disabilities have meaningful employment, like working with the Hays recycling program," Bannister said.

Funds also help provide special services to children with disabilities in day care and provides emergency and disaster relief when needed.

She added, "We are also able to fund one-time grants for certain agencies."

"We dedicated money to AmeriCorps, provided a grant for an after school program at an elementary school, and helped fund the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt."

According to a press release, the 1995 campaign has currently totaled \$134,300 toward its \$203,000 goal.

Community businesses and corporations, such as Wal-Mart and Yuasa-Exide, are increasing their contributions over last year's totals.

Yuasa-Exide donations continue to grow, now reaching \$26,400. Wal-Mart employees increased donations 20 percent this year. With a 50 percent match from the corporate office, Wal-Mart has now raised \$10,800.

Charles Reese, campaign drive chair, said, "We are seeing nice surprises from other areas of the campaign as well. Pledges from businesses in the retail division are already at more than 120 percent of their goal and more is still coming in."

Bannister said, "United Way touches so many different peoples' lives, people with disabilities, children, the elderly, all kinds of different groups."

### Spring semester early registration information

Students are to contact their advisors for data entry of their class schedules by the following schedule (data entry of a class schedule is not possible prior to scheduled time):

#### Graduates/Seniors:

N-Z Tuesday, October 31  
A-M Wednesday, November 1

#### Juniors:

N-Z Friday, November 3  
A-M Monday, November 6

#### Sophomores:

N-Z Wednesday, November 8  
A-M Friday, November 10

#### Freshmen:

N-Z Monday, November 13  
A-M Wednesday, November 15

### Revised class schedule for Thursday

The class schedule will be altered to accommodate the 41st annual Student-Counselor-Principal Conference. Only morning and lunch hour classes will be affected by the change. For more information about the conference, call the College of Education at 628-5866.

50 min. class	Revised version	75 min. class	Revised version
7:30-8:20	7:30-8:10	7:30-8:45	7:30-8:30
8:30-9:20	8:20-9:00	9:05-10:20	8:50-9:50
9:30-10:20	9:10-9:50		
*Free period from 10:00 to 10:50*			
10:30-11:20	11:00-11:40	10:30-11:45	11:00-12:00
11:30-12:20	11:50-12:30	12:05-1:20	12:20-1:20
12:30-1:20	12:40-1:20		

\*Regular class times resume\*



PUPPY LOVE Zach Larison, Hays, and his dog, Duke, play among one of the rose beds outside of Picken Hall yesterday. Zack named his dog after the John Wayne movie "The Duke." (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)

Have a safe  
and happy  
Halloween!



**Editor's Note:** The "Generation X" and "Non-Traditional" columns will be printed side-by-side in every Tuesday edition of *The University Leader* for the duration of the semester. The purpose of the columns is to provide an informative and sometimes entertaining look at student life on both sides of the coin. These columns are for you. If you have any ideas or anecdotes, please write: Attn: Editor, *The University Leader*, Picken 104 and either send or drop the letter off in our office.

### Generation X

**Rebecca Schwerdtfeger**  
Editor/Columnist

I am lucky. As a child, I grew up in a stable home with two parents and a little sister and a little brother. I grew up normal, view myself as fairly well adjusted and hope to be successful when I raise a family myself someday.

Straight out of a fairy tale, right? Actually, perhaps even better because most fairy tales have witches or evil stepmothers in them.

Not a very modern scenario, many might think.

However, as our generation and successive generations continue to open the minds of our society, new concepts are emerging.

Theoretically, men and women alike have the right to choose whether to present themselves as sympathetic and emotional.

Theoretically, men and women

alike have the right to choose whether to present themselves as hard and self-serving.

To a great extent, morals are no longer dictated by older authority family members.

Morals are developed within one's self, based on one's own needs.

While mentors still exist, I have noticed the role of a mentor for many Gen. X members has changed.

Many Gen. Xers are seeking out mentors or even idols who stand for a goal of individuality.

That, in itself, is self-serving.

I do not know where those who take these paths will end up. Perhaps successful, perhaps unhappy.

As for myself, as an individual and a member of what society calls "Generation X," I think I'll stick to age-old concepts which have lived through many generations... respect for elders, strong family values and helping others out whenever possible.

### Non-Traditional

**Dina Ross**  
Columnist

As a non-traditional student I have little time to spare for myself. I need to be selective of what I do with the rare leisure hours stolen from my busy schedule.

Last weekend my best friend and her daughter invited me to the movies.

It was easy to decide on "How to Make an American Quilt," for it seemed languid enough for me.

I like tear-jerking films, but little did I know that Hollywood was going to deceive me this time.

The movie resulted in a series of lies, deceit and stupidity which made me want to holler.

In the movie, the director decries women as easy sexual objects, nonsensical in their meaningless lives, but most of all, dependent on the man's actions.

Men are depicted as sexually deprived, liars, incestuous and cheaters.

The setting is rural America, and the theme is supposed to be "Where love resides."

Nevertheless, the lesson is "cheat, but don't tell."

I was raised in a different time, with Aesop's fables as my main source of wisdom.

I used to look for a moral in every situation in life.

When I grew up, I always tried to learn from others.

Even now that I substitute-teach, I learn from teachers and students as well.

What are we, non-traditionals, teaching to the new generation? Hopefully, not what Hollywood sells us, but better moral standards.

The Generation X deserves to learn from us the best things, not only the failures of our past mistakes.

### Editorial

Seven *University Leader* editors will journey to Washington, D.C., tomorrow for the National Convention of the Associated Colleges Press Editors.

Last year's annual convention has provided a forum for learning. Over the years, more fun and less learning has taken place.

This year, however, the staff hopes to make the best of all resources presented at the conference. We will do this to further our working knowledge in this field as well as bring information and learning techniques back to others on staff.

Most importantly, we hope the information, concepts and contacts we make during the four day conference will enable us to produce a more worthwhile and ever-improving product for you, the reader.

With this goal in mind, we will provide articles, columns and photographs detailing our trip and what we have gained from the experience upon our return.

I hope you will find it enjoyable, informative and please know we continue to work to provide a newspaper for you, the students, faculty and staff and outside readers.

Thank you for your continuing readership and support.

**Rebecca Schwerdtfeger**  
Editor In Chief

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter concerning the lack of coverage of student organizations on campus, published in the Oct. 24 issue.

This letter, in particular, concerned me due to the amount of publicity the residence halls have recently received.

Some of the events previously covered include the roller-blade hockey tournament, condom olympics and the pumpkin carving contest.

These are just a few of the programs this paper has covered successfully.

I, along with Ms. Purcell, were interviewed at the beginning of the year for an article published detailing how the residence halls are run and what our focus is for the year.

I personally feel the article was more than sufficient and the quotations were very accurate.

I am highly pleased with the coverage the residence halls have received from this newspaper.

I would highly recommend *The University Leader* to any student organization wanting quality journalism and coverage on campus.

Brett Sprowls  
Wiest Hall program coordinator



**The University Leader will not be printed Friday.**

Seven editors are attending the National Convention of the Associated Colleges Press Editors.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

People seem to place a lot of stock in Generation X. They invent criteria, fashion, food, etc. They proudly display their

"slacker" rank.

Rebecca Schwerdtfeger fended, in her Tuesday column, her status as a Generation Xer.

It is surprising to me that Gen. X status is something worth defending.

It is more surprising, still, that someone should motivate her to defend herself.

Who gets to decide whether Rebecca is Gen. X or not? Why does Rebecca feel the need to maintain herself as Generation X?

To me, the most surprising of all is I care enough to bother responding to this.

I put no faith into any of the hype surrounding Generation X. I do not wear Gen. X as a badge.

I do not seek out that which caters to Generation X. I don't watch Gen. X TV. Why? Because I am not a Generation Xer.

Generation X is a chronological term which has been applied to describe peoples born from about 1971 to 1979.

That's all. But so many people wear that slogan on their sleeve.

What can Generation X mean? What can it possibly say about a person as an individual?

People in college who grasp onto the "Generation X identity life raft" are the people who, in high school, had no individualism or identity.

Generation X has been invented, tested, marketed, packaged and sold to anyone who is craving identity, but is too scared to just be him/herself.

It's easy to buy in! It's been made for you by people who know how you should think.

True identity is just a bit harder to come by. After 21 years of life and travels, I have no idea who I am. And I doubt many of my peers know who they are, either.

I don't think Rebecca should question her qualifications for writing a Generation X column.

I think she should question the usefulness of such a column. And the Non-Traditional column as well.

These are printed side by side to present student life on both sides of the coin.

What I see are two columns written by students who have little contrast and little relevancy to each other.

And just what coin do they represent? Which is my side? Gee, I'm 21, so it must be Generation X, right?

After all, Gen. X is the voice of my generation and therefore the voice for me.

Balderdash and poppycock! Nothing marketed as Generation X speaks for me.

None of the Gen. X "voice of a generation" media clowns speak for me.

I speak for myself, right or wrong. That is my responsibility, not my generation's.

Rebecca's column indicated her frantic search for identity and her fear of being undefined.

She also expressed her relief in that she found her identity in marriage

and not drugs.

Was that the choice you had to make, Rebecca? Drugs are not identity. People from all walks of life use and abuse drugs. Drugs do not discriminate, and they do not recognize personal definition.

And guess what, married people use drugs, too.

Also in her column, Rebecca equates body piercing with marriage in that they both contain identity.

I am from Los Angeles County, Calif., and I am into punk rock. I have a lot of friends with body piercing, and I'll tell you, body piercing in no way indicates any kind of identity whatsoever.

Have you seen some of the flakes around Hays with body piercing? These are people I'm supposed to relate to just because we both have metal through our skin?

If Rebecca equates marriage with body piercing, then perhaps 20 is too young of an age for her to be married.

The purpose of my rant is not to be mean and not to hurt Rebecca's feelings.

A strong reaction occurs in me whenever this lame thing called Generation X comes up.

People get so caught up in labels they forget the important part themselves.

You can't be yourself if you are living up to a label.

Levi Erickson  
Bucklin freshman

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According to advisor Roben-Lojka...

# Alcohol awareness week makes successful impact

Jessica R. Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

The National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week had many successes throughout, according to Shelly Roben-Lojka, Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students and Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol advisor.

Friday, Oct. 13, a mock wreck presented by six GAMMA members was one of the biggest successes of the week, according to Roben-Lojka.

The mock wreck had a major impact on those who participated.

"They realized when they started hearing the sirens what it would feel like if they were in that situation."

"It was frightening for me to watch the students I see every week involved in this, even though I had been a part of planning it for three weeks."

"I hope people realize they put themselves and others at risk when they get into a car after drinking."

According to Roben-Lojka, "Two vehicles were provided by Hays Auto Parts, one of them was actually in an alcohol related accident."

The same day, the Wellness Fair took place at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"I was really pleased with the turnout of the faculty, students and community members at the Wellness Fair," Roben-Lojka said.

An opening ceremony was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16. Thirty-six seconds of silence were observed in memory of the 36 Kansas drunk drivers who died in 1994.

"The most touching part of the opening ceremony to me and the students involved was that someone had placed pink rose petals on the car in front of the Memorial Union."

"We don't know anything about the person who put the petals on the car. We don't know if they lost someone to drinking and driving or if it just

impacted them. It touched one person and they took the time to do that.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, were the seatbelt relays in the residence hall area. Roben-Lojka was disappointed with the turnout of this event.

"I don't think we got the word out well enough. Next year, we will have to do a better job of making people aware it."

Wednesday, Oct. 18, was also a success, according to Roben-Lojka, because the 36 faces of death impacted so many people.

The 36 faces of death were students who dressed completely in black which represented the 36 drunk drivers.

"I was pleased with the campus organizations that worked together to make the 36 faces of death a success," Roben-Lojka said.

Also, Wednesday night the Ritzy Breakfast took place in the McMindes Hall cafeteria.

"A lot of residence hall people, off-campus people and a whole bunch of Greek students attended the breakfast and PFM (Professional Food Management) did a wonderful job with the food," according to Roben-Lojka.

Thursday, Oct. 19, the Board of Regents were given a presentation with the 36 seconds of silence by BACCHUS and GAMMA members.

"Friday, the fun night also went really well. I hope students next year will look forward to what we are doing and people will remember this week for next year," Roben-Lojka said.

Students from both BACCHUS and GAMMA will be attending a national conference in Washington, D.C. this weekend. Eight members in all, four from each organization, will serve as representatives.

They will conduct another round of seatbelt relays for the convention, like the ones presented at FHSU.

The organizations are also in contention for an award recognizing their services.

# James Nugent awarded for work with wellness

James R. Sadowsky  
Copy Editor

James Nugent, coordinator for the Drug, Alcohol and Wellness Network at Fort Hays State, was recently awarded the Kansas Association of Broadcasters Tony Award for his contributions in the field.

Nugent organized and received a grant for 1999 Oct. 18. Nugent said the money will go to the Drug, Alcohol and Wellness Network at FHSU.

Nugent has been at FHSU since 1967. He did not become coordinator of the wellness network until 1988.

In his position at FHSU, Nugent

has been involved in the creation and implementation of many prevention, wellness and treatment programs on campus.

The FHSU Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students chapter was established in 1984.

He realized, "What really needs to happen is students need to take responsibility for themselves and their habits. They need to form a different kind of culture and realize this kind of behavior is damaging to their health."

About the time BACCHUS was established, the legislation concerning changing the drinking age to 21 was being presented. According to Nugent, the Student Government Association believed if there was a BACCHUS chapter on campus, the



James Nugent

organization would be able to help students who were having problems. Nugent, according to the Mature Management of Alcohol was established in May of 1994.

According to Nugent, Greeks have been active in BACCHUS, but "GAMMA came about because, after watching BACCHUS, I came to believe it was necessary to have a separate association for Greeks."

"I think we need to make these organizations specific groups of stu-

dents, such as GAMMA and now Challenging Athlete's Minds for Personal Success or CHAMPS.

"Students themselves need to see a problem and set out to do something about it."

With Nugent's guidance, FHSU received national recognition in 1989, 1990 and 1991, for being among the top 40 programs in the United States promoting National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Nugent also started "Tiger by the Tale," a group of FHSU students who use theater to deliver prevention messages to student audiences in the U.S. and Canada.

Jim was named U.S. Advisor of the Year for BACCHUS in 1991, and he was runner up in 1989.

Family Day  
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at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union, with tickets \$7.75 for adults, \$4.75 for kids 10 and under and \$5.75 for FHSU boarding students with a valid meal plan.

Buffet tickets must be purchased by Thursday.

Tickets for the day's events may be purchased at the Memorial Union. According to Pat Mahon, interim

registrar, "It gives FHSU students an opportunity to show off the campus."

Eric Tincer, director of the University Activities Board, agrees. "It's a great day for the university to put its best foot forward."

Mahon also said the students' parents will be able to interact with faculty and students.

"It's a time for family members

and significant others to see what is happening on our campus," Mahon said.

Tincer said, "It's an opportunity for parents who have never been to the campus to see where their kids are going to school."

"The university will be able to meet their families and show how they are taking care of their kids and

the quality of education they are getting.

"We want to tell the families we appreciate their students here and give the students a chance to introduce their families to a favorite professor."

For more information concerning Family Day, or to receive a Family Day brochure, contact Tincer at 628-5801.

# The 'science of movement' becomes conventional

Kari Sparks  
Staff Writer

Members of the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, will host a convention at Fort Hays State this weekend.

Physical education instructors will share successful teaching techniques and knowledge, John Zody, associate professor in the department of health and human performance, said.

"Physical Education is not just rolling balls onto the gym floor. "P.E. is also the science of move-

ment," Zody said. According to Zody, the convention will focus on the scientific aspects of P.E.

Professionals in the teaching field will discuss researched theories on effective teaching techniques, Zody said.

"We will discuss effective ways of presenting material and meeting state standards," Zody said.

The convention, which takes place every four years, allows instructors from all over the state, "to get together and share knowledge and ideas," Zody said.

According to Zody, the conven-

tion will take a "cafeteria approach. "There will be cross-sectional information to pick and choose from."

"The physical education field is multi-faceted. There are many different aspects," Zody said.

Zody said all levels of teaching, from elementary to college will be represented.

"The convention will be set up so that people can pick and attend what they are interested in," Zody said.

According to Zody, many different interests such as wellness and fitness, teaching techniques and stress management will be available.

Sessions for education majors

about making an effective portfolio for prospective employers and job-search tips will also be available, Zody said.

A complete schedule is available in the HHP department, located in Cunningham 139.

The convention will take place Friday and Saturday in Cunningham Hall.

Friday, sessions begin at 8:20 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Saturday, sessions will run from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Those interested must register by Friday morning at the HHP department in Cunningham 139, Zody said.

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**BLOCKED SHOT** Emporia State Hornet Bonnie Ogilvie tries to spike the ball while Lady Tiger Aimee Sayles and Lisa Wolverton attempt to block the shot. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

# Lady Tiger volleyball team encounters bad luck

Ali Moore  
Staff Writer

The Lady Tiger volleyball team played good volleyball last weekend, but had bad luck.

The Tigers lost Friday to the Chadron State College Eagles, 7-15, 12-15, 15-9, 13-15.

They also lost on Saturday to the Colorado School of Mines Orediggers, 16-14, 7-15, 15-12, 11-15, 10-15.

"We played good volleyball both matches but had our mistakes," Head volleyball Coach Jody Wise said.

On Friday, the Tigers served won-

derfully and kept the Eagles off balance, but Saturday they made several service errors against the Orediggers, Wise said.

This week the women will be traveling to Las Vegas, N.M., home of the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys.

Las Vegas is the host site of the Regional Conference Tournament which is taking place there Thursday through Saturday.

The Tigers, who are seeded 8th in the tournament brackets, will be playing the #9 seed Adams State College at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The winner of this match will go

on to face the University of Nebraska-Kearney the #1 seeded team.

This tournament will be run in double elimination form, which means the women will be allowed two losses before they are terminated from tournament play.

"We hope to win against Adams State so we can move into the winning side of the bracket and go from there," Wise said.

All-Conference team members will also be selected at this tournament.

The Tigers will end their season Wednesday, Nov. 8, playing host to Washburn University.

## Nielsen and Vann hope to extend season at South Central Regional

Rod Smith  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Tiger cross country teams will run at the South Central Regional in Alamosa, Colo., with hopes of extending their seasons for two more weeks.

For two Tigers, seniors Leslie Nielsen and Summer Vann, it may be their last chance to run cross country sporting the Tiger black and gold.

"Those two, along with Jen West, have been the leaders all year," Head Coach Jim Krob said. "When you have seniors that set the pace, it makes everybody else step it up."

This year, Nielsen placed first in the K-State Invitational and Vann placed first in the Emporia State Invitational.

A native of Winner, S.D., Nielsen attended Colby Community College for two years before coming to FHSU in the fall of 1993.

This is her last semester at Fort Hays State. She will graduate in December with a degree in exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training.

After graduation, she plans to return to Colby, where she will enroll in the physical therapy assistant program.

No stranger to national competitions, Nielsen, during her first stint at Colby, competed nationally in cross country, both indoor and outdoor track and was national junior college marathon champion.

At last year's NCAA Cross Country Championships at Kearney, Neb., Nielsen was the highest Tiger finisher and earned all-American honors, placing 16th.

If the Tigers qualify for this year's national meet, it will be Nielsen's 10th national competition in her sixth cross country season.

Despite running track since grade school, Nielsen only took up cross country in her last two years of high school.

Nielsen's relative newness to the sport may explain her comment "They still say I haven't shown all my



Leslie Nielsen

potential yet." Vann, an elementary education major from Lakin, started running when she was nine or 10 in Amateur Athletic Union events.

While she doesn't consider herself much of a distance runner, she has excelled at cross country starting with her freshman year of high school.

Vann earned all-State, all-League and all-Regional honors all four years, while her team won three state championships and was runner-up the other year. Following her outstanding prep career, Vann chose FHSU over both Pittsburg State and Emporia State.

A year ago, she finished 35th at nationals.

She plans to student teach in the fall of 1996 and then look for a teaching position. If none present them-



Summer Vann

ability remaining. On the track, Vann runs mostly middle distance races and hurdles. She said she is less than half a second away from the school record in the 400-meter hurdles.

Vann and Nielsen already are part of two school record relay teams, the indoor two mile relay and the outdoor 3,200 meter relay.

*Most memorable moments...*

"(Individually) I'd have to say Nationals last year," Nielsen said. "I wasn't worried about anything. I was totally relaxed, I'd been in a national meet before, so I knew what it was going to be like."

"I went out, ran with the pack and just kept moving up."

For Vann, her most memorable performance was a repeat win at the ESU Invitational.

"I won it my junior and senior year," Vann said, noting her familiarity with the course.

From the team aspect, Nielsen felt this season's Adams State Invitational was most memorable.

"I didn't run so good, but the team did," Nielsen said. "We almost beat Western, and we knew we had a shot and when we went back there for the Regional meet we would get a chance to actually beat Western."

*Ultimate goal...*

While both runners acknowledged the challenge of qualifying for nationals, both, also have similar aspirations for the remainder of this season.

"We have probably the best team we have ever had," Vann said, "and we know what to expect."

"For our team to qualify for nationals; to place in the top 10 at nationals and make all-American," Vann said, when asked what her goals for the season were.

"I really think we will go to nationals," Nielsen said.

elves, she said she will go on to graduate school where she will study speech pathology.

*What will you miss most about cross country?*

"I don't know that I'll miss the competing," Vann said, "but I'll miss seeing and being with my teammates every day."

Nielsen's sentiments were similar.

"I enjoy (cross country) more than track, just because its more team oriented," Nielsen said. "I'll be doing more for myself and not for a team anymore after I'm done here."

Despite having run out of cross country eligibility, both athletes will continue to run after this season.

Nielsen said she and some other FHSU alums will put together an Alumni team which will compete in U.S. Track and Field Cross Country competitions.

Vann has one season of track eligi-

### Tigers have spots

## Four cross country runners secure positions for regionals

Rod Smith  
Staff writer

On Saturday, four Tiger cross country runners assured themselves spots on the Tiger's regional team with their efforts at the Southwestern Invitational in Winfield.

On the men's side, Aaron Lessor, Great Bend junior, led the Tigers.

He finished 28th out of 88 runners, covering the 8,000 meter course in 27 minutes and 10 seconds.

Lessor's effort cut one minute and 23 seconds from his season best.

Also running for the men was Justin Mitchell, Smith Center freshman.

He placed 69th in 29:13.

Leading the way for the women were two freshmen—Lisa Davies, McPherson and Robin Spies, WaKeeney.

Both women covered the 5,000 meter course in under 20 minutes and posted season bests.

Davies, who finished 21st, crossed the finish line in 19:48, a 35 second improvement.

Only three places back, Spies completed the course in 19:53, a season best by 51 seconds.

LynAnn Bachelor, Bucklin junior, was the third Tiger to cross the finish line, earning her a spot on the regional squad.

She finished 39th out of 92 runners, completing the course in 20:44.

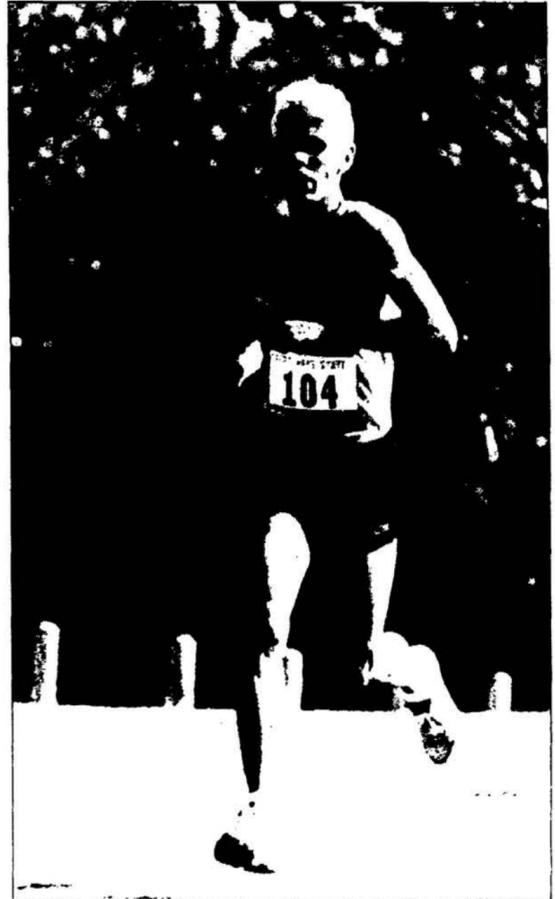
Out of 16 teams, the Lady Tigers finished seventh.

Rounding out the women's team were two sophomores.

Nikki Cucchetti, Grand Junction, Colo., and Dena Saenger, Bennington.

Cucchetti finished 50th in 21:12, while Saenger placed 63rd in 21:46.

The Tigers will run Saturday at



**DON'T LOOK BACK** Jason Shanahan, McKinney, Texas, sophomore, runs in the Tiger Invitational Oct. 14. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

the South Central Regional in Alamosa, Colo.

Race time for the women is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m., while the men are scheduled to follow at 11 a.m.

The Tigers ran at Alamosa Sept. 9 in the Adams State Invitational.

Both men's and women's teams will be vying for a trip to the national meet, which is Nov. 18 at Spartanburg, S.C.

In order to qualify for nationals, the men have to place in the top three and the women have to finish in the top four.

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