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## The weather...

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## Snow storm

Snow and strong winds take heavy toll on Weist Hall; cancels classes.

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John Dolezal, Kanopolis freshman, Scott Wiedeman, Hays senior, and Chris Wolf, Hays High student, play in a rehearsal of *The Pirates of Penzance* in Felton-Start theater Sunday night. The opera runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Mark Bowers/University Leader

## 'Pirates of Penzance' opens Thursday

Amy Bruntz  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

On Thursday night at 8:00 p.m., the Fort Hays State Department of Music will open its production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

The opera will run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in Felton-Start Theatre. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the student service center in the Memorial Union, 628-5306.

"The Pirates of Penzance" deals with class struggle, typical of Gilbert's style. However, according to Dr. Rager Moore, Director of Choral Activities and opera director, this opera is not a serious one. It is a comical performance with some very funny characters.

Rager said that there is no one group of people who will enjoy this opera most. "Anyone would enjoy 'The Pirates of Penzance'." It is popular with almost all generations," Rager said.

According to Rager, even young children will like the opera because of its movement, excitement, and funny characters.

One of the comical characters is the Major General, played by Scott Wiedeman, Hays Senior. This is Wiedeman's fourth opera and he said, "I love playing this character. It's been one of my favorite roles."

Wiedeman said that the opera has

a nonsensical storyline, which makes it quite humorous. "It's basically just a love story with good guys and bad guys," Wiedeman said.

Tracy Hommon, Smith Center Senior, plays the role of The Pirate King and he agrees that this opera has been fun to rehearse and will be entertaining to all who attend.

"Everyone should take advantage of the low prices and come see this opera," Hommon said.

Rager said that the cast has had to work quickly this year. The opera is always scheduled for the last weekend in January, which comes early this year.

According to Hommon, the cast members began learning the music in November and were responsible for having all music and parts learned by the time they returned from break.

Hommon said that since Jan. 4, they have rehearsed every evening except Fridays and Saturdays.

Wiedeman said that rehearsals are very intense. "The opera pretty much absorbs all your energy during January, but it's worth it," he said.

According to Rager, the cast has been great to work with and they will be ready when the curtain opens on Thursday night.

"The Pirates of Penzance" has the distinction among Gilbert and Sullivan operas of having received its premiere in the United States on Dec. 31, 1879. We are proud to again carry on the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition here at FHSU," Rager said.



Mark Bowers/University Leader

Tracy Hommon, Smith Center senior, and Scott Wiedeman, Hays senior, review the terms of Wiedeman's indenture to the Pirate King.

## Linguists fly to Bosnia to aid U.S.

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) As a 19-year-old, Steve Nanesnik served with the U.S. Marines on Okinawa in World War II. Nearly 50 years later, he's getting a chance to serve the United States and his native country, Croatia, in a new role.

Nanesnik is among 46 linguists, most of them natives of Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary, who left Fort Benning on Friday for Bosnia, where they will serve as interpreters for U.S. troops in the NATO peacekeeping effort.

Nanesnik, a 69-year-old retired postmaster from Newton Falls, Ohio, said deciding to join the interpreters wasn't difficult.

"I feel we owe the (American) boys over there our help, and I have relatives in Koprivnica, Croatia," he said.

He said he hopes the NATO presence will help prevent more fighting.

Some of the younger linguists said serving in Bosnia will be an adventure. Nanesnik is taking the job as an Army contract employee seriously.

"I'm not looking for fun," he said.

Most of the linguists found out about the opportunity from advertisements on the Internet. They will earn between \$48,000 and \$52,000 for a year's service.

Before their departure, soldiers briefed them on the threat in Bosnia, including land mines and

snipers, for four days.

Sgt. 1st Class Augustus Francis put the interpreters through extensive drills Thursday on how to use gas masks.

"Do not take this class lightly," he advised.

Lidija Johnson of Chicago was born in Serbia and lived in Croatia and Sarajevo before coming to the United States about 30 years ago.

"But I didn't become a citizen until 1992. I wanted to make sure, first, to myself, that I wanted to be an American. I didn't want to be two-faced," she said. Now, "I'm going back to help our troops."

Two Sejfo Hamilics a 53-year-old father and his 22-year-old son are among the group.

"I signed on because I want to help the U.S. make the area peaceful so the Bosnian people can get on with normal lives," said the younger Hamilic, who works in a tuxedo shop in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

His father is a general contractor in Thousand Oaks.

Peter Georgevich, 60, a Belgrade native who left in 1976, lives in Arlington, Va. He worked with the firm that recruited the linguists, then decided to join them.

"I just recently became a citizen, three months ago, and I'd like to help U.S. forces," he said. "I'm a lawyer by trade, but I'd like to finish up my career as a language specialist, and I think this is a good starting place."

## Addresses for forces in Bosnia announced

Civilian urged to support U.S. troops with mail

WASHINGTON (AP) The Pentagon announced special mailing addresses Thursday for U.S. service men and women involved in the Bosnia peace enforcement mission.

People wishing to write to Army, Air Force or Marine Corps members of the U.S. land forces, but not to a specific individual, can address their letter or package to:

Any Service Member  
Operation Joint Endeavor  
APO AE 09397

The address for Navy and Marine Corps personnel aboard ships supporting the Bosnia mission is:

Any Service Member  
Operation Joint Endeavor  
FPO AE 09398

Mail also can be sent to families

of servicemen deployed in the Balkans. The address is:

Any Family Member  
Operation Joint Endeavor  
APO AE 09399

Mail to specific individuals in Operation Joint Endeavor can be sent through their home stations.

Special addresses for the month of February only have been established for people wishing to send Valentine greetings to the troops. The address for U.S. land forces is:

No Greater Love  
c/o Operation Joint Endeavor  
APO AE 09391

For personnel aboard ships the address is:

No Greater Love  
c/o Operation Joint Endeavor  
FPO AE 09392

The Army said in announcing the addresses that packages should not weigh more than 70 pounds and be no larger than a shoe box. Postage for letters is the regular 32 cents.

## Commerce Bank begins four-point plan

Karl Sparks  
Copy Editor

A chance for students and faculty to win weekly cash prizes, stereo equipment, TV's, scholarships, and feel safer in the residence halls are all part of a gift given to Fort Hays State University by Commerce Bank over the winter break.

According to John Ross, University Card Center director, Commerce Bank wants to say "thank you" by becoming a bigger part of the university community, rather than "just a bank."

Commerce Bank president, Tom Thomas, has outlined a four-point plan as "a gesture to become part of Fort Hays State University's family," Ross said.

The first part of the plan is a gift of \$5,000 to help install a new security system for the residence halls.

"We have been looking for a security system for four years. With the new university card, it has enabled us to go forward," Ross said.

According to Ross, the system would allow students and hall staff to swipe their university cards through a computerized system located on the outside doors of the residence halls.

A personalized pin number would then have to be entered in order to be allowed into the hall.

The first hall scheduled to be installed with the system is the women's dorm, McMindes Hall.

Ross said that although there has not been any security problems so

far, the new system will help prevent any future problems, as well as serve as a "nice recruiting tool," Ross said.

"The main point is to enhance the quality of life for residents in the halls. The key is to feel safe knowing that unauthorized people can't get into the residence halls," Ross said.

According to Ross, the new system for McMindes is planned to be implemented by the summer term.

We are in a state bid process right now to request the funds so that eventually all the residence halls will be equipped with the new security system," Ross said.

The second and third points of the Commerce Bank plan targets the recognition of outstanding scholarly

achievement by students and faculty.

President Hammond saw a need to recognize students and faculty in the classroom and Commerce Bank offered the resources to help," Ross said.

According to Ross, recognition and cash awards up to \$100 will be given monthly to students and faculty who will be elected by their peers.

"The bank has envisioned a committee of instructors who will choose the recipients."

The awards will go to teachers who use innovative ways of teaching. For the students in some cases it will not be based on GPA, but how well the student applies himself in the classroom.

"Not everyone gets all A's. There are hardworking students who get

B's and C's. A certain amount of attitude in the student will be considered," Ross said.

According to Ross the award program will start by next month.

The fourth part of the plan is a series of activities to promote the university card, which started last Monday.

"Commerce Bank will sponsor a project called the Spring Sweepstakes, giving away weekly cash prizes, stereo equipment, TV's and scholarships for up to \$250," Ross said.

There will be coupons for students in the university paper worth one dollar to put towards their university card," Ross said.

According to Ross, in order to be entered into the drawings for the

prizes, the coupon must be taken to the Commerce Bank located on the second floor of the Student Union. Once the coupon is redeemed you are automatically entered into the drawing.

Also, since 40 different merchants in Hays are now accepting the card, if students use their card to purchase something, students can enter the transaction receipt into entry boxes located all over campus to be eligible for the drawings, Ross said.

The Spring Sweepstakes which will run until March 22nd, is "just for the fact that university students deserve recognition," Ross said.

"At the same time it ups our usage," Marti Ryan, University Card representative from Commerce Bank, said.



## In my opinion...

The University Leader has a very specific policy concerning letters to the editor, guest columns, and other submitted works. Recently, there have been some who have taken it upon themselves to approach writers both on and off staff about their submissions to the paper.

All correspondence to writers concerning their individual work should be directed to the University Leader.

If someone disagrees with a point that a writer makes in a column, then he or she should write a letter to the editor. These letters need to be signed and include a full street address and phone number. A letter that does not contain this information will not be published.

The University Leader also accepts guest columns. These are to be kept to 750 words or less. When columns are dropped off, the writer must sign a release saying that all information in the column is original. The form must then be signed by a witness from the University Leader staff. Under no circumstance will a column be published without a release.

To ensure that letters and columns are accurate, the Leader requests that they be typed. If it is possible, these can be brought to us on computer disk. The diskette will be returned after the date of publication.

Letters and briefs can also be sent via e-mail. There are two addresses available: [ccma@fhsuvm.fhsu.edu](mailto:ccma@fhsuvm.fhsu.edu) and [mshepker@tigr1.fhsu.edu](mailto:mshepker@tigr1.fhsu.edu).

The University Leader cannot guarantee that any submission will be published. All letters, columns, and briefs will be kept until the end of the semester.

If there are any questions concerning anything that is published in the Leader, please call 628-5301 and we will try to answer them.

**Matthew Shepker**  
Editor-in-chief



## Dole's big endorsements do not equal big votes

**Tom Raum**  
A.P. Writer

If politicians were products, Bob Dole would win the endorsement sweepstakes hands down. But, as with sneakers, tennis rackets, or clearinghouse magazines, heavy endorsements do not necessarily translate into big sales.

Political consultants salute front-runner Dole's ability to line up so many endorsements, especially from governors. The Senate majority leader is backed by 21 of the nation's 31 GOP governors and predicts "four or five more."

"The governors are the practical soldiers of the Republican revolution. And their endorsement demonstrates they believe Bob Dole is the most competent field commander to take back the White House from Bill Clinton," said Dole campaign spokesman, Nelson Warfield.

But whether these endorsements can translate into votes is open to question.

Despite winning more and more endorsements, Dole is seeing his lead shrink in recent polls.

Magazine publisher Steve Forbes has been gaining with few endorsements. Even former Forbes classmate and longtime friend, New

Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, went with Dole instead.

Although he'd probably blanch at the comparison, Dole is following the course taken in 1984 by then Vice President Walter Mondale.

Mondale won the endorsement of most of the nation's Democratic governors and paraded them just as Dole is doing with GOP governors. Like Dole, Mondale drew criticism from other Democrats for being too close to the Washington establishment.

Mondale catered to special Democratic interest factions to help him win the nomination: organized labor and women's and civil-rights organizations, for instance. Dole has done the same with conservative groups, courting gun owners and the religious right.

Mondale faced a spirited challenge from then Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado. And he got pummeled in the general election by incumbent President Ronald Reagan.

"Endorsements are probably more important as an indicator of strength than as a source of strength," said Tom Mann, a political scientist at Brookings Institution.

"There's not a shred of evidence that suggests support of a governor helps in the direct sense

that voters take that into consideration."

"Usually an endorsement is valuable in helping to keep your opponent from getting it," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman.

"But that's all it usually means." But Mellman, Mann and other political analysts say a governor's backing can be important organizationally.

It can't hurt Dole, for instance, that both New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad endorse him. He's also backed by Gov. David Beasley of South Carolina, with its March 2 first-in-the-South primary.

In 1988, New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu's endorsement and active support of Bush helped bury Dole in New Hampshire.

"In the final analysis, endorsements are nice to have. But it really comes down to how hard that endorsee works on your behalf," said Gary Koops, a spokesman for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's campaign.

Gramm has lined up two governors: Arizona's Fife Symington and Texas Gov. George Bush.

Among the others, only former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander has a gubernatorial endorsement, a single one from Tennessee's present

governor, Don Sundquist.

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt on Monday became the 21st GOP governor to endorse Dole, praising the veteran Kansas lawmaker as "the right man" for the job.

Recent polls show that Dole's support like Mondale's in 1984 is wide but shallow.

A new Boston Globe poll showed that while Dole remained comfortably in the lead in New Hampshire, half of those who support him said they could change their minds before the primary, Feb. 20. Polls show him in a statistical dead heat with Forbes in Delaware and with Sen. Phil Gramm in Texas.

Dole may feel confident with his overwhelming lead in the endorsement contest. But, if he runs into trouble, he could find, as then Sen. Edmund Muskie did in 1972, that endorsements can be fleeting.

Once Muskie's campaign for the Democratic nomination began to fall apart, the dozens of Democratic governors and other party leaders he'd lined up, began deserting him in droves.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Tom Raum covers the White House and national politics for The Associated Press.



## Reader Feedback

I'm writing in concern of a parking policy on campus here at Fort Hays State University. Last Tuesday I received a ticket for parking in a stall backwards. Yes, that's right. I backed into a parking place.

I figured, "Hey, it's not going to kill anyone and it will make my life a little easier when I want to leave campus."

My infraction occurred at the end of lot A-1. For those of you who may not know where that is, it is roughly 5 miles from Goodland.

Now, I must apologize for the complete and sudden halt of all classes Tuesday afternoon while my parking situation was in the process of being corrected by the University Police. I realize that my incompetence and desire for ease in my life caused a hindrance in every student's education. Thankfully other state funded universities are not tied into our university policies. Otherwise, my parking blunder would have caused a state-wide panic.

Luckily, I wasn't at my truck when the citation was so wonderfully displayed on my windshield. I have heard (but I'm not for sure) that if you are caught in the act of backing into a parking place, you are stripped of your clothes, taken into the street and promptly shot.

I have also heard that, in the days of Cody and Custer here in Hays, if you were caught with your horse tied to the hitching post backwards, your horse was sold to the lowest bidder, you were assessed a fine, had to spend the night in jail

to think about what you had done, and the next morning you were hung. Too severe? Not at all. Those people and their blatant desire to get on their horses and ride away were (and still are) a threat to society.

I have since devised a way to ensure myself a close and legal parking space on campus. Perhaps some of you would like to try my method. I highly recommend it. In the middle of the night (around 1 a.m. or so) I secretly drive to campus and park right next to Rarick Hall. Then, I walk home and go back to sleep. The next morning is business as usual. I ready myself for class, but here's the catch. I have to walk 10 miles to get to class. This may sound a little too extreme, but guess who has the closest parking space when class is over?

My point is that this rule of parking seems a little absurd. Someone told me that this rule prevents people from crossing into the other lane of traffic. Hey, maybe crossing traffic should be prevented at all costs. Let's ban left turns. If no one ever turns left, we can eliminate almost all side impact collisions. This new law can not be any more ridiculous than the old one. After all, I believe it is public safety that we are after here. What better way of protecting the public than by not parking in a stall backwards?

I hope that I have made my point clear.

**John Hilgers**  
Zurich Sophomore

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## Briefs

**WoToHeFa**

Working Toward Healthy Families will begin meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in Picken 311C. WoToHeFa is committed to sharing experiences on current or past relationship difficulties.

**New students**

First time and transfer students at FHSU can attend an orientation Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union. For more information, contact the Office of Students Affairs at 628-4276.

**Internet job search**

There will be an Internet job search workshop at 3 p.m. today in Tomanek 106.

**PROS**

The Public Relations Organization for Students will have a meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in Picken 109. For more information, call 628-5876.

**SPURS**

SPURS will have a meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Room of the Memorial Union.

**Alpha Kappa Psi**

Alpha Kappa Psi will have a committee meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union. Following, there will be a business meeting at 7 p.m.

**KFHS**

Tuesday, the campus radio station will begin broadcasting weekdays 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to midnight. Weekend hours will be announced at a later date.

**Campus Brown Bag**

Need some serenity? Come join us at the Campus Brown Bag A.A. Group, Fridays at 11:30 a.m., Picken 311C. Share in our experiences, strength, and hope in recovery.

**New Add/Drop Dates**

Due to the bad weather and classes being cancelled Jan. 18, the last day to add and drop classes will be extended one day through Feb. 15. Feb. 8 is the last day to add or drop classes.

## Questioning the norm



Laurie Bean  
Columnist

Any person who read my column on January 12th, may remember that I spoke about my desires to become more open-minded to various points of view. In that column I mentioned the controversial topic of abortion. However, I did not state my personal opinions on the issue of abortion, just that I felt the decision should be left to each individual.

This past weekend I received a packet in the mail containing a letter and several propaganda flyers. The person, who shall remain nameless, sending the letter stated that I have no knowledge of the Bible and the Commandments. If I may quote from the letter, "...the scripture from James 4:12...says 'There is only one lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy.' One of God's Ten Commandments is 'Thou Shalt Not Murder.' Abortion is not choice; abortion is MURDER. WHETHER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IT OR NOT."

Remember kids, I never stated how I personally feel about abortion. By the way, I am a single mother. Funny, if I am the sinner this radical, religious person claims that I am, wouldn't I have chosen to abort my child? But since my son is an illegitimate child, I am sure there is a sin to be found in that.

Obviously, this person com-

pletely missed the point of my article. I tried to bring light to the fact that people should not judge others for the beliefs that they may hold. Especially if the views oppose your own. Now I am being bombarded with junk mail from someone who claims that I am "trying to be (my) own god."

This person claims that "(my) thinking is exactly why our country is in such a mess today." If being open-minded and allowing others to live their lives is destroying our nation, then I will continue to do so.

When I was a small child, I learned that God would judge my life at the time of my death. I also learned that God alone had the power to judge me. Since then, I have refused to judge others by the way they chose to live their lives.

Further, I have no problem with this person's religious beliefs. Everyone needs something to hold faith in. I do, however, have a problem with this person assuming that they know me and sending me literature, attacking my character, to my home. If this person knew me, and wrote to tell me that they did not agree with my lifestyle, fine. They would have every right to their opinion.

I do wish to give credit to the sender, this person did sign their name to the letter, and included a return address. I commend you for standing firmly enough behind your beliefs to put your name on them.

In conclusion, I just want to state again that no person should be judged for their beliefs.

## Instructor explains Ramadan



Mahmoud Suleiman  
Guest Columnist

As a universal social phenomenon, the notion of fasting is deeply rooted in ancient history of human civilizations, with various religious and cultural overtones.

For instance, as far back as the third century, people in the Celtic society used to fast for various sociocultural reasons. Bounding themselves by an oath to take revenge for their honor, the Celtic people used to fast until they fulfilled their promise of defending their integrity and the principles and values they cherished.

Although fasting is bound by various sociocultural parameters that vary considerably from one society to another, the most common and developed mode is manifested in terms of religious behavior and spiritual purposes. In fact, fasting as a penance and for remittance of sin is a very common theme in Christianity and Judaism. It is also a concept as old as the ancient Mexicans and Peruvians, Babylonians and Assyrians, whose traditions of fasting is evident in meeting their spiritual and religious needs.

Likewise, ancient Egyptian and Greek civilizations applied fasting for getting closer to their spiritual satisfaction and yearning for peace of their souls. Besides, these religions, ascribing to the idea of fasting for penitence, have assigned certain times and days for performing this ritual. For example, Judaism assigns the Day of Atonement as a day to observe abstinence.

Fasting also has its unique meaning in the Far Eastern religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism. In short, fasting is an old new tradition that continues to add non-materialistic richness to the lives of those who practice it; at the same time, it is an approach to meet some of the human needs of participants in a given social or religious circle.

This week marks the be-

ginning of Ramadan: the holiest month of the Muslim calendar.

It is the ninth month of the Hijrite calendar that is based on the lunar year. The term Hijrite, Arabic in origin, connotes the exodus of the prophet of Islam and his companions from Mecca to Medina (the oldest two cities in the Arabian Peninsula) about 1,416 years ago as they fled persecution and discrimination in their hometown.

Furthermore, the Hijrite year is bound by the lunar circle: it is a sequence of 12 lunar months totaling 354 days, so that an equivalent of 33 lunar years is 32 solar years.

Consequently, the month of Ramadan rotates throughout the four seasons over time, so Muslims perform fasting under diverse conditions ranging from the hot and dry summers to the icy and cold winters.

Fasting (sawm) during Ramadan, a virtuous form of thanksgiving and soul training, has a deep and profound impact on the Muslims' spiritual and social life. Fasting during this month is one of the five pillars of the Muslim faith.

In addition to fasting, a full-time Muslim must declare shahada to profess the faith by saying "there is no God but Allah"; perform salat, the daily prayer (at least five times a day); pay zakat, the alms which is an obligatory charity collected for the needy and poor; attend hajj, the pilgrimage in Mecca at least once in one's life time.

All of these pillars are aimed at achieving one's full spiritual potential and maintaining a more meaningful life. The adherence to these basics by all Muslims regardless of their color, language, ethnicity, race, or nationality, is an indispensable part of their life. Consequently, enjoining and implementing these fundamentals reflect a balance in maintaining diversity and unity in Muslim civilization at large.

Inherent in the Christian idea of Lent and the Judaic notion of the Day of Atonement, Islam has elaborated on the concept of fasting by

disassociating it from sin, distress, and affliction to embrace spiritual growth and physical discipline.

Since fasting during Ramadan is a yearly reminder for Muslims to assess their faith in God and revisit their behavior accordingly, this month is an opportunity for more reflection and action to instill and enhance spiritual values and morals. Although physically exigent, fasting is known to be spiritually rewarding.

The month of Ramadan is observed by millions of Muslims in the world including the more than seven million in the United States. Through its vigorous daily rituals, the month is marked by dedication for spiritual nourishment to promote empathy and cohesiveness among Muslim communities.

For instance, Muslims abstain from food and drink all day long (before dawn until sunset) to experience first hand the feelings of suffering of the hungry and poor. Seeking to please God, Muslim individuals and communities eagerly increase their piety and charity as they fast and multiply their devotion through prayers and repentance.

In addition to the health benefits of fasting, Ramadan is an abundant time for cultural and spiritual growth in Muslim individuals and societies.

This event is concluded with a major holiday, a celebration where Muslims renew their faith in God and yearn more for spiritual enrichment as they become constantly thankful for the bounties bestowed upon them.

Despite the surface differences among various religions with regard to several tenets such as fasting, it is easy to recognize the common underlying similarities.

Given the close relationship among world religions incarnated in many facets of diverse cultures and lifestyles, the understanding of these rituals and their implications to our life is always powerful, let alone fruitful, in promoting religious understanding, cultural tolerance, and social harmony.

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# Winter storm hits Hays, takes toll on Weist Hall

Janella Mildrexler  
Managing Editor

With winds blowing up to 70 miles an hour last Wednesday, destruction to property was evident all over Hays. Wiest Hall, Fort Hays State's men's residence hall, also suffered in the storm.

"We lost a portion of our roof off an elevator shaft on the southeast of the building," Eric Grospitch, Wiest Hall director, said.

According to Steve Culver, Director of Residential Life, the lumber used to anchor the insulation and gravel, along with the metal strip around the edge of the cap of the elevator shaft were affected the most.

Dusty Fulk, resident manager, was on duty that night.

"I was down in my room and I heard a thud like somebody dropping something in the room above me. Then, people from the seventh floor began calling me," Fulk said.

Fulk and Eric Goodman crawled out on the roof to see the extent of the damage.

"The elevator shaft is completely enclosed in cement. This had a wooden section over the top it, covered in tar, like a normal roof. That's what blew off," Fulk said.

"It was about 10 at night. It was pretty loud, guys from the fourth and fifth floors heard it. We put on quite a few clothes and went to look. It was

still blowing, and there were chunks of limestone all over the place, but we were cautious.

"We saw the roof had blown off the elevator shaft, and I began to wonder, 'where did it land?' Six cars were hurt, including mine. But mine was nothing like the guy two cars down from me. His car is totaled," Goodman said.

Work has already begun on fixing torn section of roof.

"A sealant is already on it, but the masonry work won't be done until later this semester, when it warms up a bit," Grospitch said.

"There was a piece of limestone that was two feet by six inches long and 4 inches thick, just sitting there. It left a pretty good size dent in the roof," Goodman said.

"I know it's the second part of the roof to blow off since I was here, since 1993. This was in the same general area, but not the same section," Fulk said.

As of yesterday, no official estimate on how much it would cost to fix the roof has been made, however, the insurance adjuster and the roofing company have seen the damage.

"The university carries a policy with a \$1,000 deductible, but the balance will be paid by the insurance," Culver said.

"This was what is known as an act of God or Mother Nature at work. None of us can predict or control this kind of thing."



Snow is blown past the Hays sculpture at the North end of Vine St. by wind gusts up to 70 mph during Wednesday night's winter storm that struck Hays and cancelled classes for Thursday.

FRED HUNT / University Leader

## Religious fanatics change their names

ABILENE, Texas (AP) In the past six months, 89 adults and 30 children in Taylor and Callahan counties have filed petitions to have their last names changed to Hawkins.

They are the followers of the House of Yahweh, an Abilene-based religious sect with a compound in Callahan County. Their names are now the same as the group's pastor and overseer, Yisrayl Hawkins.

A number of sect members also are obtaining passports and Texas driver's licenses and changing their car titles. While it's all legal, some local people and those in passport offices around Texas are raising eyebrows.

Yisrayl Hawkins could not be reached for comment by the Abilene Reporter-News, and sect members contacted by the paper were reluctant to speak.

But one follower, Banahyah Hawkins, said "Hawkins" means prophet or priest to members of the faith.

Each name change petition is similar, and each is notarized by the same man, Bruce Bowler. Each lists the chosen name and a reason identical or similar to the following:

"The Petitioners feel these names are more befitting as reverent servants of the Creator, in showing true appreciation, recognition, honor and glory to the Creator and our Heavenly Father Yahweh, to whom all reverence, glory, and honor is due."

But even if some of the individual members own property and all members change their names to Hawkins, there's no escaping the tax man.

Since the church property is taxed, not the owner, Callahan County Chief Appraiser Rod Lewallen said, "it's not going to keep us from levying taxes and collecting them."

Lewallen said it's difficult keeping up with who owns what at the House of Yahweh compound. He said since the property is either exempt for religious purposes or declared for agricultural

use, taxes are minimal.

"They're not paying much in the way of taxes, period," he said.

Tax matters were complicated when Yisrayl Hawkins and Phyllis Kay Hawkins were granted a divorce in 1994.

According to a bill of sale, 19 items of personal property were conveyed to Yisrayl Hawkins as a part of the divorce settlement, Lewallen said.

Those items included a number of trailers and mobile homes.

The members had applied for exempt status on all their mobile homes, claiming they were parsonages, or dwellings provided by the church for its ministers, Lewallen said. He denied the request and the House of Yahweh threatened a lawsuit.

Lewallen finally allowed the exemptions if the members would allow Lewallen's people on their property, he said.

"We had an arrangement whereby we would call Kay Hawkins and tell her we were coming," Lewallen said. "She would escort us on the property."

Now that the couple is divorced, Lewallen isn't sure what will happen. "I don't know where we stand with the House of Yahweh," he said.

Officials who have had contact with House of Yahweh members all describe them in pretty similar terms.

They say they are intelligent, polite, reserved, "look like the Amish without the hats" and speak in unrecognizable accents.

They are unmistakable in their appearance and demeanor.

One courthouse official said, "It's almost an aura."

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## Two fishermen lost in storm

### Southwestern ice fisherman still have not been found

TOPEKA (AP) Warmer temperatures were expected Saturday across Kansas as the state recovered from blizzard conditions, but two ice fishermen who disappeared during the storm were still missing.

Bitter cold and gusty winds continued Friday across Kansas as residents starting cleaning up from the storm. But Saturday was expected to be warmer, with highs from 45 to 50 in the southwest corner of the state and in the mid-20s northeast.

Officials had not found Merlyn Maas, 35, of Mullinville, and Patrick Beckham, 21, of Greensburg late Friday after searching a southwest Kansas county lake and its surrounding area.

The two never came home Wednesday night, when the storm began whipping through the state.

"We presume there's a couple of people who may have fallen through the ice," said Scott Baugh of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department office in Dodge City. Friday's freezing temperatures and winds hampered the search, he said.

Officials called off the search of the lake late Friday night, but they planned to continue searching the surrounding area, Clark County Sheriff Brad Harris said.

He was notified about 11 a.m. Thursday by the Wildlife and Parks Department that the men were missing. A pickup truck with the keys in it was found at the lake and a pair of binoculars was on the ice, but no other equipment was found. Searchers found no sign of a break in the ice.

"It probably would have re-frozen," Harris said.

Utilities worked to restore electrical power to many communities Friday, and power was restored nearly every place that had been affected. Many school districts called off classes for the second day Friday.

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## Youth's dying wish becomes reality

Teen with cancer visits Yellowstone National Park

CODY, Wyo. (AP) Yellowstone National Park officials bent the rules of the partial shutdown of the federal government to allow a North Carolina boy to receive his final wish.

Neil Caulder, 16, was being examined for a baseball injury several months ago when doctors in his home town of Lumberton, N.C., discovered a cancerous tumor in his leg.

Specialists at Duke University said he would lose the leg, and said the cancer was rapidly spreading to other areas of his body.

His final wish, his family said, was to witness the eruption of Yellowstone's Old Faithful geyser.

Caulder's neighbors Ron and Lynda Nye invited him on a trip to the Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone in spite of the shutdown, which closed all national parks for three weeks due to the budget dispute between Congress and the White House.

"We came to the West and arrived in Denver on the pure faith that somehow we would be able to visit

Yellowstone," Ron Nye said.

"I don't know what your religious affiliation is, but what happened next went beyond the power of any human realm."

He said he found success when he called Yellowstone spokeswoman Marsha Karle.

She said she knew there were penalties for any furloughed federal workers who performed in their official capacities during the shutdown, but she said there never really was a choice in the matter.

Karle organized a trip into the park and recruited a park interpreter, and officials of concessionaire TW Recreational Services donated the use of a snow coach for the trip to the park's interior.

"All of us wanted to do what was right," Karle said. "National parks exist for the people and here was a young man who rallied his last strength just to see the inside of Yellowstone. His visit was an inspiration to everyone he met."

A three-hour trip into the park brought Caulder to the vacant Old Faithful Visitor Center just minutes before the geyser erupted, sending a plume of mist into the winter air.

He died the morning of Jan. 11, about a week after his trip to the park.



### Winning Odds

David Zishka, Effingham freshman, gets his card marked off by Tina Brachett, Alliance Neb. graduate student at the Residence Hall Association table during the Tiger Win in the Cards Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Matt Hoernigke / University Leader



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Nitchka Felix, Aurora Colo. senior, Marcus Degado, Phoenix Ariz. junior, and Tina Brachett, Alliance Neb. graduate student, sing during the candle light vigil sponsored by the Black Student Union on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

## Students honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Janella Mildrexler  
Managing Editor

January 15th marked the anniversary of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Here in Hays, a candle-light walk sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Residence Hall Association commemorated this national event.

"We started in front of Sheridan Hall and lit candles. Then we sang the Negro National Anthem and marched to the Backdoor."

"At the Backdoor, we had hot cocoa and watched a tape about the 'I have a Dream' speech," Quentin Choice, BSA sponsor, said.

Although no exact number was counted, an estimate of somewhere between 60 and 70 people were involved.

"It went much better than expected. They had a good response from the university and the community," Steve Culver, director of residential life, said.

"We had college kids, faculty, community. (We had) all age groups. People brought their babies. And different races showed up. Everybody seemed equally interested," Choice said.

## Unknown candidates make for interesting presidential election

WASHINGTON (AP) Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and the Republican gang are beating each other up on the campaign trail. Bill Clinton is struggling to balance the budget.

And Elvena Lloyd-Duffie? The accountant from the Chicago suburb of Westchester waits for her pre-ordained chance to run the country which, by her count, should come after the fall presidential election.

"I feel that the creator of this universe is calling a woman to take this position because it would give the men a kind of sabbatical for four years so that they can turn their attention to the home front where it's direly needed," says Lloyd-Duffie, who is running as a Democrat.

Lloyd-Duffie is one of the nine people with Illinois addresses who have registered as presidential candidates with the Federal Election Commission. They might not have any chance, but they offer some unorthodox ideas about governing the nation.

Mike Edwards of suburban Rosemont proposes a "bill of responsibilities" preceding the Bill of Rights in the Constitution. "In other words, you earn your Bill of Rights," and if someone commits a crime, "you could have certain rights deducted."

Edwards considers himself an "average conservative," generally votes Republican and likes some of the things the new GOP majority has done in Congress.

But Washington politicians are still mucking up the works, he says, so Edwards almost feels compelled to take Clinton's job.

"I don't need the job of presidency. I have no ego to fill. ... I'd rather remain a private person. But I'm not sure enough is going to get done fast enough," says Edwards, who has his own vending equipment and service business and might run as an independent.

Like in the movie "Dave," accountant Lloyd-Duffie sees a quick and easy way to balance the country's budget. Maybe three or four days, she estimates, "just long enough to type it up" and apply her accounting principles.

How? She demurs.

"I wouldn't just grab something out of the air to give you a pleasing answer," dismissing a question about whether voters would want to know her plan in advance of the election.

The FEC filing is free, which is good because their records show only two candidates have Lloyd-Duffie and Morry Taylor of Quincy.

Certainly the best funded and best known in the Midwest is Taylor, who runs a \$400 million-a-year business manufacturing wheels for construction and farm equipment.

Taylor, a Republican, is the only Illinoisan to file as a candidate for the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire

primary Feb. 20. Taylor and Lloyd-Duffie also met the deadline for Illinois' presidential ballot in the March 19 primary.

Those would-be leaders of the free world are hard to find. Only Lloyd-Duffie and Edwards had telephone listings.

George Porter, chairman of the Naperville Township Republican organization, never heard of Engel. "He might as well go for the gold the first time out of the shoot," Porter jokes.

It seems serious business, however, for Lloyd-Duffie. She says she has filed in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and South Carolina, and contends that only a mail mixup kept her off the New Hampshire ballot.

Records show Lloyd-Duffie, 63, spent \$83,200 from April through November: \$22,400 on state filing fees, \$20,800 for t-shirts, telephones, mailing and operations; and \$40,000 for "goodwill and gratuities."

Her starting balance was \$107,000, mostly money she says came from an insurance settlement of a 1994 auto accident.

Edwards, 59, plans to start campaigning in February and raising money from people he meets.

"There's still enough time if I do something completely unorthodox, which I plan to do. ... I won't go into it the surprise element is all I have left," he says.

## First U.S. fatality reported in Bosnia

TASZAR, Hungary (AP) A 39-year-old U.S. Army sergeant who died Thursday of an apparent heart attack was the first American fatality in the Bosnian peace-enforcement mission that began last month.

Clement E. Southall Jr., a native of Virginia Beach, Va., was assigned to help American troops and equipment into Bosnia, Pentagon and army officials in Europe said.

Emergency workers were called to

his barracks late Wednesday night and tried to resuscitate him, according to a brief statement from U.S. Army spokesman Lt. Col. Ron Williams. Southall was taken by ambulance 10 minutes later to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead early Thursday.

Maj. Drew Miller, a spokesman at the U.S. European command in Stuttgart, Germany said Southall died of an apparent heart attack.

A member of the 191st Ordnance Battalion, Southall was a wheel vehicle operator with the 23rd Ordnance company, based in Miesau, Germany.

He was working here in southern Hungary, where U.S. forces have adapted an air field to receive troops and equipment heading from Germany to Bosnia and Croatia.

Southall is survived by his wife Lynne and daughters Heather and Sarah.



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## Student competes for acting scholarship

**Janella Mildrexler**  
Managing Editor

Natalie Vandever, Hays junior, is using her talent to win money and influence people. She is competing at the American College Theater Festival in St. Louis, MO, from today until Sunday.

"I was nominated by an adjudicator for 'Extremities' for the Irene Ryan Scholarship," Vandever said.

For the competition, she has prepared a monologue and a duet scene. Last year, she attended the regional contest as Suzette Grimsley's, Hays junior, partner. For Vandever's duet, she asked Mike Doll, Hays junior, to work with her.

"I've been to the week long festival to watch before, but never as an actual competitor," Doll said.

Doll and Vandever have worked together in several campus productions, including "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," "A Piece of My Heart," and "Pippin."

"We have five minutes to perform a scene from Jon Olive's 'Standing on My Knees' and a monologue, Jane Martin's 'Talking With.'"

"That's two and a half minutes for each," Vandever said.

Three hundred and forty people are expected to compete today. This number will drop to 16 for the semi-finals and then to two on Thursday after the finals.

"Two people will go to the Nationals in Washington D.C. at the Kennedy Center."

"I've put in quite a few hours on this. The first scene I had chosen to do was by Neil Simon, but he doesn't let people cut his work, so two weeks ago I had to choose another scene. I'm a little behind, but I feel good about it."

"We work pretty much on our own and then everyone involved in the theater critiques us and then we go from their suggestions," Vandever said.

"The scene Natalie changed to is set in a park. She's called me for a meeting. She's a writer and she's drunk and kind of not all there. I try

to end the relationship and she goes off on her writing and asks me if I love her. I say I'm not sure," Doll said.

The contest boasts not only other acting competitions, but costume design and technical displays as well as workshops for the actors to attend.

"It's a really good way for people to express themselves because theater reflects society."

"Everybody here has something in common. It's a big bunch of theater people having a good time," Doll said.

Members from the Fort Hays State Players Club and several instructors from the communication department are also attending.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Colorado Ballet Company will perform "Balanchine Triple Bill," Wednesday, in Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

## Encore series will feature The Colorado Ballet Company

**Tammi Krebaum**  
Staff Writer

ogy. It represents a turning point in his life," according to a press release.

The Colorado Ballet Company will be performing "Balanchine Triple Bill" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The "Balanchine Triple Bill" consists of three dances that were choreographed by Balanchine, I.B. Dent, Coordinator of Special Events, said.

"He was one of the first fathers of modern dance and numerous others have branched out from his work," Dent said.

The three dances include "Serenade." This was the first ballet that Balanchine created in the United States. This dance depicts how young and inexperienced dancers acquire the mastery of the art, according to a press release.

The second dance is titled "Apollo." "This ballet, which marks the beginning of Balanchine's synopated and jazzy movement, is based on the story in Greek mythol-

The third dance to be presented is titled "Rubies...Jewels" and features elaborate costumes. This is a full length ballet without a plot, but the attraction is drawn towards the creative and elaborate costumes that the dancers will wear.

The Colorado Ballet Company is a "very international company. They have dancers from Russia, Japan, and China, just to name a few," Dent said.

The company is in their 34th year and they are one of the state's oldest and most accomplished arts institutions, according to a press release.

It is important to have performing arts tour in Hays because "when students graduate they are expected not only to be knowledgeable in their subject area but also to have some refinements...in other words to have their rough edges refined to become a well rounded individual," Dent said.

Looking for something to do?

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Encore Colorado Ballet  
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Natalie Vandever, Hays junior and Mike Doll, Hays junior, practice their scene from Jon Olive's "Standing on My Knees", for the upcoming American College Theater Festival this week in St. Louis MO.

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## On the defensive

Tiger Junior forward Sherick Simpson defends against New Mexico Highlands Cowboy Junior guard Chris Black during Saturday's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

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## Tiger tracksters still doing well

R. C. Smith  
Staff Writer

After shaking out the "woolies" last weekend at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Triangular, the Fort Hays State track and field squad competed Saturday at the University of Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

On the men's side, the highest finish of the day was turned in by Rod Smith, Valley Falls senior, in the 400-meter dash. He finished second with a time of 50.7.

A. J. Lee, Assaria junior, placed third in the 1,000-meter run. Despite running in a slower heat, his time of 2:33.9 was less than a second behind the winning time.

Greg Lang, Victoria sophomore, placed in three different events. His highest individual finish came in the long jump, where he was fifth with a jump of 22' 1 3/4". The former Thomas More-Marian Prep star also finished seventh in the 200 and ran a leg on the 4x400-meter relay which placed fifth.

Lee Blevins, Palacios, Texas, senior, took eighth in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:15.8. He also ran a leg on the 4x400 team.

Lang, Blevins, Lee and Smith combined to run 3:27.3 in the 4x400-meter relay, lowering their season's best in that event by some four seconds.

John Jirak, Tampa Fla. senior, placed fifth in the 35-pound weight throw. His throw of 47' 3/4" was a quarter of an inch improvement on last week's Provisional Qualifying mark.

Junior Shawn Starr, Russell junior, put the shot 49' 1 1/2", good enough for eighth place.

Two freshman high jumpers also placed for the Tigers. In his first competition of the indoor season, Chad Zogleman, Cheney, cleared 6' 6" 3/4" and took sixth. Becky Keeler, Gypsum, placed seventh in the women's competition with her jump of 5' 3 1/4".

The only other placer for the women's squad was Tina Jackson, Phillipsburg junior. She finished eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 63.7.

This weekend the Tigers will compete at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Invitational.

Coach Jim Krob anticipates teams from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Doane, Colby Community College, and Hutchinson Community College to compete.

Field events start at 11:00 a.m. and running events get under way at 11:45 a.m.

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln Invitational

#### Men's results

35 lb. weight: 5. Jirak, 47' 3/4".  
Shot put: 8. Starr, 49' 1 1/2".  
Pole Vault: Fred Retzlaff, 14' 1 1/4"; Jason Jones, 13' 7 1/4"; John Hilgers, 13' 1".

Long Jump: 5. Lang, 22' 1 3/4".

High Jump: 6. Zogleman, 6' 3/4"; David Mowry 6' 5 1/4".  
55m high hurdles: Corey Huwa, 8.0.

55m: Travis Heffernon, 6.8; Jason Rule, 6.8.

200m: 7. Lang, 23.0; Rule, 24.1; Heffernon, 24.4.

400m: 2. Smith, 50.7.

600m: 8. Blevins, 1:15.8.

1,000m: 3. Lee 2:33.9.

Mile run: T.J. Trout, 4:29.9.

3,000m: Jason Shanahan, 9:15.3; Jeth Fouts, 9:15.5.

4x400m relay: 5. 3:27.3 (Lang, Blevins, Lee, Smith).

Women's results:  
Shot Put: Jennifer Zabokrtsky, 40' 6"; Michelle Nichol, 40' 3".

Long Jump: Chantay Brush, 15' 4 1/4".

High Jump: Keeler, 5' 3 1/4".

Triple Jump: Brush, 32' 3".

55m high hurdles: Jen Nowak, 8.7; Brush, 9.0.

55m: Tracie Nurnberg, 7.5; Jackson, 7.7.

400m: 8. Jackson, 63.7.

800m: Nikki Cucchetti, 2:33.9.

Mile run: Summer Green, 5:41.5.

3,000m: Chandra Russell, 11:14.5; Lisa Davies, 12:18.0.

4x400m relay: 4:20.5 (Jackson, Green, Nowak, Cucchetti).

### University of Nebraska-Kearney Triangular (1/13)

#### Men's results:

35lb. weight: Jirak, 47' 1/2" (Provisional Qualifier); Neal, 37' 6 1/2".

Shot put: Starr, 48' 51/2"; Neal, 41' 2".

Pole Vault: 3. Jason Jones, 13' 6"; 5. Fred Retzlaff, 13'.

Long Jump: 1. Greg Lang, 22' 7".

High Jump: 3. Keith Razak, 6' 2".

55m: 4. Chris Morrissey, 6.6.

200m: 3. Lang, 23.2.

600yd: 2. Smith, 1:16.3.

800m: 1. A.J. Lee, 1:59.9; Lee Blevins, 2:01.0; Reynolds, 2:14.8.

1,500m: 3. Jason Shanahan, 4:16.8; Mitchell, 4:32.2; Haskett, 4:33.2.

5,000m: 4. Brian Michael, 16:38.2; 6. Aaron Lessor, 17:17.0.

4x400m relay: 2. 3:31.0 (Lang, Blevins, Retzlaff, Smith).

4x800m relay: 2. 8:37.9 (Shanahan, Jason Haskett, Mark Reynolds, Lee).

#### Women's Results:

20lb. weight: 6. Sherrie Heiman, 35' 4"; Nichol, 29' 3".

Shot put: 5. Jennifer Zabokrtsky, 39' 11 1/2"; Nichol, 38' 11 1/2"; Morgan 35' 1".

Leiker 34" 3 1/2".

Long Jump: 3. Chantay 16' 8 1/2".

Triple Jump: 5. Brush, 33' 2".

High Jump: 1. Becky Keeler, 5' 4".

55m high hurdles: 2. Jennifer Nowak, 8.5; 4. Brush, 8.8.

55m: 5. Tracie Nurnberg, 7.5.

6. Tina Jackson, 7.8; Isom, 8.0.

200m: 3. Nurnberg, 27.6; 5. Jackson, 28.1; Isom, 30.2.

600yd: 3. Nikki Cucchetti, 1:34.4.

800m: 2. Nicole Cordill, 2:36.2; 3. Danielle Stohs, 2:39.8.

5. Lyn Ann Bachelor, 2:41.0.

1,500m: 4. Chandra Russell, 5:20.0.

3,000m: 1. Lisa Davies, 12:20.0; 3. Dena Saenger, 13:07.0.

4x400m relay: 3. 4:30.1 (Nurnberg, Jackson, Michelle Isom, Cordill).

4x800m relay: 1. 10:56.2 (Cucchetti, Stohs, Russell, Bachelor).

## On the Sidelines with Maynard



Marc Menard  
Sports  
Columnist

During the recent holiday season, I received a special gift. It certainly was not an expensive item, yet the memories associated with it are priceless. It was a framed black and white photograph of my hero, Gale Sayers.

From time to time armchair football fans like to argue the point of who is the greatest running back to have ever graced the NFL arena. Some will point to the obvious in Jim Brown who still holds many NFL rushing records. There may be some people, who, if the trial of the century has not tainted their opinions, may hold that the "Juice", O.J. Simpson, still ranks among the elite. Others may nominate the man who followed in the afore mentioned Mr. Sayers' footsteps, that being of course

Walter "Sweetness" Payton who erased many of the Chicago Bear rushing records previously held by Sayers. Certainly also worth mentioning in the same breath as Brown, Simpson, and Payton are a couple of current NFL running stars, Emmitt Smith and Barry Sanders. For my money, Sayers was the best.

In researching my hero, I found that not much has ever been written about Sayers. That may be for a variety of reasons. First of all, his career was cut short by serious knee injuries. Secondly, as most fans may recall, Sayers was a very quiet and private man. Lastly, Sayers had the unfortunate luck of playing for a Chicago Bear team that was never a Super Bowl contender.

In fact, most people are likely to remember him for the movie, "Brian's Song" which depicted his real life relationship with teammate, Brian Piccolo. Piccolo and Sayers were both drafted by the Bears in 1965 and competed for the halfback position. They later would become roommates, best friends and back field mates, when Piccolo was moved to fullback.

Sayers was perhaps the most exciting and versatile running back of his era. He is a memory of what professional football used to be. A

throwback to the days when there were no domed stadiums, artificial turf, or high-priced, million dollar contracts. Sayers simply did it all. He was a potent offensive weapon as a runner, receiver, punt and kick returner.

It was exciting to watch him dance his way around linemen. I never saw any back make lineman look more foolish when they tried to tackle him. He was fast, elusive and had such a deceptive style of running. In the end it was perhaps his running style of dodging, jumping and skipping away from defenders that contributed to his injuries.

Sayers, who tied the record for the most touchdowns in one game with six against San Francisco in his rookie season, finished his short career with nearly 5,000 yards. His career yardage is not that impressive, true. But, what is remarkable is the fact he averaged over five yards per carry. Sayers was twice the NFL rushing champ, in 1966 and again in 1969.

He was a five-time all league selection and was a starter in the Pro Bowl on four separate occasions, twice being named the Outstanding Back in the game. He was named NFL Rookie of the Year in 1965 and in his seven year career scored 56

touchdowns and finished with more than 8,000 all purpose yards.

Sayers, who was born in Wichita, raised on a farm in Kansas and later starred at Central High in Omaha before playing for the Kansas Jayhawks in the early sixties was for all intent and purposes, the original "slash" of the NFL.

I remember when I was about seven or eight years old, I wanted to grow up to be like Gale Sayers. Sayers didn't need any trash talk to make his point, his talent on the field spoke more than any words could say. Off the field he was just as well known for his work with children.

The title of his autobiography, which he wrote in 1970 best describes this quiet man known as the "Kansas Comet". The book titled "I Am Third" simply puts Sayers' philosophy of life in perspective. "God is first," according to Sayers, "my friends are second and I am third." I like that.

There is no telling how good he might have been if not for the injuries. However, life is full of what ifs. For the child in me, Sayers will always be my hero.



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### Doing that country thing

Members of the Tiger Deb Dance Squad perform their half-time show to country music during Saturday's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

## Tiger grapplers head to NCAA II national duals

Matt Hoernicke  
Sports Editor

The Tiger wrestlers finished second place at the Simpson Invitational last weekend. The grapplers went into the meet with a 2 in 3 record in dual matches and a 12th place ranking in the Great Plains Open on Jan. 6 in Lincoln, Neb.

Eddie Woody, Newton junior won the "Most Valuable Wrestler" award at the Simpson Invitational. Myron Ellegood, Garden City sophomore, earned runner-up to Woody in the MVW voting. Both wrestlers finished the meet with 3-0 records and were the individual champions in their weight classes.

All 12 of the Tiger grapplers that competed in the Simpson Invitational placed in the meet. Four of the 12 took top honors in their weight classes: Mike Ewalt, Louisburg, senior; R.J. Price, Yuma, Colo., freshman; Woody; and Ellegood.

The team is without a heavy-weight so far because Josh

Gooch, Wellington, senior, is out due to a football injury. The coaches hope to have him back in time for regionals and nationals.

Mike Bammes, Manhattan junior, leads the Tigers with a 14-3 record with 9 of the 14 wins coming by way of falls.

Bammes won a trophy for the most falls in the least amount of time at the Great Plains tournament. Bammes had four falls in 8:37.

The Fort Hays State University's wrestling team heads back on the road again this weekend. FHSU travels to Edmund, Okla. and the NCAA II National Duals hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma.

The Tigers won one and lost twice at last year's double elimination meet. FHSU lost to Wisconsin-Parkside in the opening match. The Tigers then dropped to the losers bracket where they moved on to defeat Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville before they were eliminated by rival Western State College in a close battle.

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