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Men's Basketball

Tigers cash in another win against Kearney State, taking them one step closer to the RMAC championship.

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Valerio speaks on women

Debby Worth
Staff Writer

Dr. Mary R. Valerio, professor of multicultural education at the University of Texas-Pan American, presented a program entitled "Women and Minorities in the 1990s" yesterday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Picken 307.

The presentation is part of the Diversity Awareness Programs provided by the Kelly Center.

Valerio's message was one of change-change in the role of the traditional woman. Woman today are appearing in roles which are different from roles held in the past. Many of these roles were traditionally held by men.

Her presentation looked at specifically "what we can do in higher education to get beyond gender issues, and not only gender issues, but issues relating to color and handicaps," Valerio said.

She hopes her presentation will foster more of a feeling of pluralism and multiculturalism in society.

Valerio received her master of arts degree in special education and her Doctor of Philosophy in education from the University of New Mexico. Her doctorate includes a major area of emphasis in Bilingual Special Education and in Educational Foundations.

A reception for Valerio will be held today, from 8-9 a.m. in the College of Education office. Faculty and department staff in the College of Education are invited to attend.



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

Dr. Mary R. Valerio, professor of multi-cultural education at the University of Texas-Pan American, discusses women and how they are still considered minorities in today's society with a group of people yesterday in Picken Hall.

Tel-com bill to help small companies

NEW YORK (AP) The race is on. Congress unshackled the nation's communications companies Thursday from federal laws that had been rendered obsolete by technology. President Clinton praised the bill and is expected to sign it next week.

But the first big winners won't be companies with household names. They are second-tier long distance carriers like WorldCom and Frontier and providers of alternative access service like MFS and IntelCom. And they will ride the splash the big local phone, long distance and cable companies make as they jump into each other's business and eventually become one. Those big companies were quick to praise passage of the bill.

"Let's get the new rules in place and give consumers those full benefits of technology, competitive choice and, for those who want it, one-stop shopping," said Richard McCormick, chief executive officer of US West Inc. After Clinton signs the bill and the Federal Communications Commission rewrites some rules, the deal-making will begin.

It will last for a decade or so as phone, TV and other communications services slowly consolidate. They are expected to get better, and in some cases cheaper, in the competitive furor along the way.

The first companies to crossover to new business will probably be the long distance carriers that are just below the three giants AT&T, MCI and Sprint. That's because the bill allows long distance companies with less than 5 percent of the U.S. market share to bundle local service with long distance right away.

The biggest of those firms are WorldCom Inc. of Jackson, Miss., and Frontier Corp. of Rochester, N.Y. Their ability to do both long distance and local service quickly could bring them fast growth but also make them attractive takeover targets.

Their stocks have edged higher this week. WorldCom was up \$1 3/4 to \$38 on Nasdaq and Frontier was up \$1 1/2 to \$30.87 York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

Stock prices have also shot up for competitive access providers, a lucrative but relatively little-known niche of firms that link large businesses to long distance carriers at lower rates than local companies like Synex or Pacific Telesis.

The local companies are expected to work more openly with these firms, called CAPs, to generate their growth. If CAPs grow, the Baby Bells will be able to show increased competition in local service, which the bill requires before they can provide long distance.

"It's going to be a pell mell rush for the local companies to as quickly as possible get approved for long distance service and I see the clear beneficiary of that is the CAPs," said Michael Mahoney, portfolio manager for CIT Global Telecommunications Fund, a mutual fund.

Lecture to focus on world-ag

Kari Sparks
Copy Editor

Neil Patrick, assistant professor of agriculture at Fort Hays State University, has spent the last 15 years helping to increase crop production in Third World Countries.

The National Agri-Marketing Association chapter at FHSU will host Patrick as a guest speaker on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union's Sunflower Theater.

Patrick will offer a slide presentation and discussion about his agricultural experiences in India, Pakistan, Egypt, Sudan, Gambia

and Swaziland.

"The farmer's there produce what they need for their family, not for the market. (Farming) is on a smaller scale than it is here," Patrick said.

"In most of the countries there is not nearly enough food to feed the people, especially in the cities."

Patrick said that although it was not a matter of starvation, he saw many people who suffered

"In most of the countries there is not nearly enough food to feed the people, especially in the cities"

Neil Patrick, assistant professor of agriculture

from malnutrition.

Patrick worked with many other Americans on projects

funded by the U.S. government and U.S. universities, such as New Mexico State, and Penn State.

Patrick said that by working with the countries' government officials, they helped to "develop the capability of agriculture."

"The main problem in the countries was the lack of proper fertilizer and livestock feed," Patrick said.

Patrick also said that tradition and culture in the countries sometimes got in the way of timing the

proper time to plant crops.

"We showed them the cultural, (method of growing things) and new methods of handling livestock," Patrick said.

"It sounds strange here, but we introduced corn in the country of Gambia, which will mainly be used for livestock there," Patrick said.

"I think there was some good done. A lot of it matters on whether they are still practicing the methods we taught," Patrick said.

Patrick just recently joined the FHSU faculty in the Department of Agriculture at the fall semester.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Fans get active

Members of the crowd show their tiger spirit by wearing wigs, hats and makeup during Saturday's basketball game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Teresa to perform at Backdoor tonight

Singer has her own unique style of music

Janella Mildrexler
Managing Editor

Teresa, the 1995 National Association of Campus Activities Country Artist of the Year and Coffeehouse Performer of the Year, is scheduled to perform at the Backdoor tonight at 8 p.m.

"The majority of her performance is country, with some folk songs, but she mixes it up. She has her own style," Eric Tischer, advisor for University Activities Board, said.

Teresa first performed before crowds of up to 50,000 people, playing guitar for her best friend, a champion fiddler, at regional folk festivals as a teenager.

According to a press release, she has also founded a band, T and the

Rangers. Not only that, she managed her own sound company, which mixed live sound for artists as diverse as Emmylou Harris and Boy George.

Teresa also received two 1995 Campus Activities Today's "Reader's Choice Awards," which included Best Music Act and Best Female Performer on college campuses. She has also been nominated for three 1996 N.A.C.A. Awards, according to a press release.

"After writing my songs, I enjoy having them come to life in the studio, and then I love being able to take them to the stage," Teresa said in a recent press release.

"She just got signed to a major record label, Epic records of Nashville. We'll probably never get her again at this price," Tischer said.

Admission for FHSU students is free, FHSU faculty and staff, \$3 and the community \$4. UAB will provide refreshments, pop and chips for a minimal cost.

In my opinion...

The United States Congress just passed a bill that will have sweeping impact on the way that people will communicate in the next few years.

This bill will replace the Communications Act of 1934 that has been made obsolete by new technology.

The bill allows phone companies to carry television stations and cable companies to carry phone services.

Phone companies and cable companies competing head to head will make the level of technology jump and the price fall.

What does this do for the average Fort Hays student? Not too much in the near future, but when things start rolling, there will be a significant impact on our lives.

Imagine getting up in the morning and turning on your computer to go to class. Not having to brave the freezing cold temperatures itself would be a great improvement.

After class, you connect to the Internet through the same company that supplies your television and your phone service.

If you are a parent, this bill has two features that would allow you to censor what your children see. The first is the V-Chip that, when installed in a television, will keep violent, sexually oriented, and other objectionable shows off the screen.

The other is a section of the bill that will keep anyone from transmitting "indecent material" to minors.

There are two problems, as I see it, with this. First, is that "indecent material" is not defined. The other is that this is a first step to censoring the Internet. While I do not agree with children obtaining sexually explicit pictures, I think that censoring the Internet is not something that should happen.

If the Internet was censored years ago, it would have never grown at the speed it has.

Matthew Shepker
Editor-in-chief



Questioning the norm

Single mother plays both parent's roles



Laurie Bean
Columnist

"One night of pleasure/ nine months of pain/ three days later/ and that's when you came..." lyrics from Coolio's latest compact disc entitled Gangsta's Paradise.

I'm sure no womyn who has given birth would deny the ecstatic pleasure she feels the moment that first shrill, vibrating wail echoes through the delivery room. Parenthood also insures many other lively and entertaining moments in one's life.

As a single parent, I could resign myself to an attitude of self-pity. However, I see my life as a challenge and a chance to let both my feminine and masculine traits prevail.

Traditionally, there have been assigned certain roles to

the mother and the father in a family. With no male in our little family, I am allowed to assume both roles.

These roles not only apply to the duties of providing love and shelter, but also to teaching the skills necessary for my son to survive and live happily.

One of these skills I intend to teach my son is cooking. Traditionally a womyn's role, I feel a man should be able to provide a healthy meal for himself.

I intend to teach my son that a meal ends up on the table only when one puts it there by one's self if not by team effort. By a meal I'm talking about stir-fry or pasta and salad, not just burgers and fries.

A role that was traditionally a males, is the camping trip and other outdoor activities. This is something I'm looking forward to enjoying with my son. Packing the tent and sleeping bags and heading out to the

Colorado Rocky Mountains.

I intend to take my son fishing, hiking, and skiing, both downhill and cross-country. There are no limits to what we will do. These are all activities I enjoyed as a child, and I plan to share them with my son.

The next element of living I plan to insist upon in our home is the building of the mind. I want my son to know the importance of an education.

Hopefully, he will find a passion in the Arts; theater, music, art, and/or literature. However, without an introduction to the Arts, he will never learn to appreciate any of these skills.

The other traditionally male dominated parental role is the enjoyment or teaching of sports. Of course I don't know all that there is to know about all sports, or even one sport in particular, but it will never be lacking in my son's life. Maybe I'll learn through his teaching me!

We'll watch the Super Bowls, providing the Chiefs ever play. Attending basketball games and watching televised games will be another enjoyable past-time. And since there is no father figure, that leaves me to drinking beer, belching, and playing the pull-my-finger game with my son during sporting events.

All I'm really getting at here is that being a single mom does not mean that my son will grow up to be a "sissy", as some people tend to believe. And being the sole-provider does not mean he will grow up lacking for love or attention.

Sure I can't teach him how it feels to be a man. However, I can teach him how to relate to womyn. And I can provide all the tools necessary to survive.

NOTE: The word womyn is intentionally spelled with a "y". It denotes the change from being attached to the word man.



Reader Feedback

This letter is in response to Matt Shepker's editorial in the Friday, February 2, issue of the University Leader. Mr. Shepker wrote that he was in favor of qualified admissions to Kansas universities.

The qualified admissions policy to Kansas universities is putting even more limits on students concerning their options after high school graduation. Shepker stated that he feels that this policy is coming a little late for those of us in college right now. He said, "The main fact of the matter is that there are many students in college that have no reason to be here. They are not here to learn, which, by the way, is the reason that we are here."

Doesn't everyone attend college voluntarily? Some may flunk out, some may even have a bad semester and not make good grades, but everyone should be able to attend school if they make the decision to.

He also asks why people who barely pass high school decide to come to college. He says, not to learn, but to get away from their parents and party. Well, getting a college education is a shot at having a good job that pays better than the gas station back home. There are people that don't always get straight A's in school, but they work hard for their degree, and earn it like the rest of us. It would be wrong for them not to have the opportunity to further their education. College isn't just for smart people. It is for people who have the desire to make a better life for themselves.

No one forces anyone to attend college, and with the high cost and difficulty in getting money to pay for it, how can we

afford to waste the opportunity to get an education, as well as the money that is involved.

Shepker also said that these people who party all the time and don't attend class are "wasting" their financial aid and slowing down their classes. Obviously, not everyone is going to understand everything the instructor says. If you don't ask questions how are you going to learn? Some students fell self conscious asking questions in class. It is because of the attitude that people asking questions must either be dumb and not get it, or were out late last week and skipped class that many students don't interact more during class.

He also thinks financial aid should be qualified. Isn't it already hard enough to get financial aid without putting more restrictions on it?

All people have their own opinions about what should and shouldn't be done. I don't necessarily disagree with qualified admissions, but the standards shouldn't be so high that the only reason people can't get into college is because they didn't get a high enough score on their ACT test. College is a privilege and all here are working toward the same thing: a chance to make something of themselves.

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Beloit junior

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For more information, call Elaine Donecker at 628-4260.

Marketing Club

There will be a Marketing Club meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Memorial Union.

For more information, call Dan Rice at 625-7433.

Public Viewing

The Astronomy Club will have a free showing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Tomanek 106. This is an indoor show which will draw on CCD images.

Astronomy Viewing

The Astronomy Club will have a business meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Tomanek 106.

SPURS

There will be a SPURS meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Black and Gold room in the Memorial Union.

PROS

The Public Relations Organization for Students will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Picken 109.

Kelly Center groups

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For more information, call the Student Health Center at 628-4109.

Idea of a University

The philosophy department will hold a free presentation entitled "Idea of a University" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Frontier Room of the Memorial Union.

For more information, call 628-4249

Campus Brown Bag

The Campus Brown Bag A.A. Group welcomes anyone who thinks that alcohol may be playing too large of a part in their life. The meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. Fridays in the third floor conference room of Picken Hall.

Free roads may have tolls

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) Motorists in the future might be paying to use improved roads that now are free, lawmakers were told Thursday.

The Senate Transportation and Utilities Committee held a hearing on a bill to allow the secretary of transportation to study whether to charge tolls on state highways other than the turnpike. The committee took no action.

Lawmakers are considering using tolls as part of an overall finance package for the construction of new roads.

Transportation Secretary Dean Carlson, who earlier told the committee the state would run short of money for highway maintenance by the end of the century, said the Legislature needs to look at tolls in what he called "a non-traditional manner."

"Previous toll road studies have shown that outside of urban areas, Kansas roads just don't have enough traffic to pay the full cost of construction and operation of a toll road," Carlson said.

However, he said, tolls could be an additional source of revenue for a highway project. Enough money could be

raised to offset the cost of either the construction or operation of the highway, Carlson said.

"This is a profound change from that which we have had in the past," said Sen. Richard Rock, D-Arkansas City, who also is chairman of the Kansas Turnpike Authority, the quasi-governmental board that runs the turnpike.

"There is the possibility now of tolling roads that previously were in the highway system," Rock added.

The bill was supported by Michael Johnston, president and chief executive officer of the KTA.

"The whole area of transportation finance policy is being re-evaluated today all across America," Johnston told the committee.

He said the federal government has made policy changes that encourage states to consider tolls as an additional source of revenue on all highways except the interstate system.

"Here is Kansas, new interest is being directed at whether or not tolls might play more of a role in our transportation future," Johnston said.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Tigers in action

Tiger Junior guard Anthony Pope tries to defend against a University of Nebraska Loper during Saturday's game in gross Memorial Coliseum. The Tigers won 97-84 bringing them one step closer to the RMAC championships.

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Crowd helps Tigers shoot to victory

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

A packed house, two nationally ranked teams and the hope of an RMAC championship on the line, the Fort Hays State University Tigers did not disappoint as it pleased the near-capacity crowd at the Gross Memorial Coliseum Saturday with a 97-84 victory.

The Tigers, coached by Gary Garner, posted their 19th overall win and 12th win at home as they inch closer to an RMAC title with five conference games left on the schedule.

The biggest factor for the Tigers on Saturday was the jam packed crowd at Gross Coliseum. The announced attendance was 6,627, the largest crowd to attend a Tiger basketball game since Garner took over the reigns of the program at the start of the 1991-92 season.

"We expected a good crowd, but we certainly didn't expect it to be as packed as it was," Garner said.

"The crowd certainly helped our basketball team, they seemed to feed

off the energy of the crowd. A lot of positive things happened for us because of the fans."

Positive things indeed, the Tigers shot 65 percent from the field and built an 18 point lead in the second on the strength of three-pointers and sensational slam dunks by junior Alonzo Goldston. But the Tiger defense continues to be the key to the success of the second-ranked Tigers.

"Our defense effort continues to be the strength of our team," Garner said.

One of the best defensive efforts of the night belonged to junior forward Sherick Simpson who was able to hold the Lopers' leading scorer, senior forward Ryan Samuelson to just two points.

"If I had to pick one thing that stood out defensively for us, it was the job Sherick did on Samuelson," Garner said.

"Really, it was a great effort by several of our guys. It was simply another great unselfish effort by the entire team. It's the biggest reason we're 19-0 right now."

The Tigers have little time to rest as they head down the last stretch of the RMAC schedule, which includes back-to-back home games against the Colorado School of Mines on Friday and Chadron State on Saturday.

Although the Tigers are 19-0, Garner insists they can't take the upcoming road trip lightly.

"That will be a really tough trip. We haven't won a game on the road at Western or Mesa in something like eight years, I think," Garner said.

Next up for the Tigers are the Oregiggers of Colorado Mines. Tipoff for Friday's contest is scheduled for 8 p.m. The Lady Tigers will take to the court first with a 6 p.m. start against the Lady Oregiggers.

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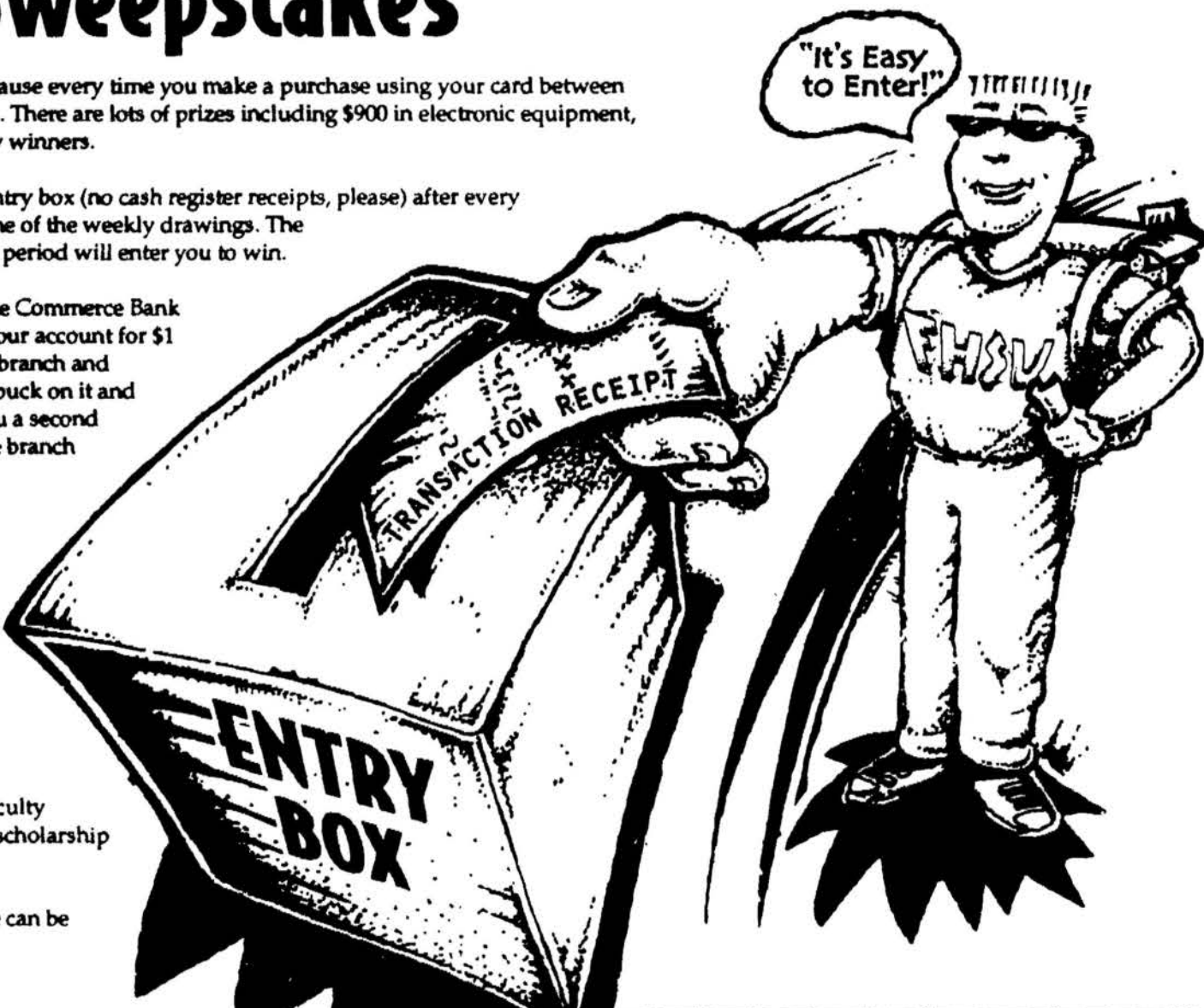
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