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Early spring?

Unseasonably warm weather hits Fort Hays, sending students outside to enjoy a taste of spring.



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LaNette Schmiedler, Springfield, Va., graduate student and editor of the LINES Anthology, holds previous anthologies and signs asking students to submit material.

## 'LINES' to be published

English anthology editor wants literature and artwork

Shana Sneath  
Staff Writer

The English Club invites students, faculty, staff and alumni to submit original poetry, prose, essays, photos, and artwork for publication in the 1996 literary anthology, "LINES: A Journal of the Arts."

According to LaNette Schmiedler, Springfield, Va., graduate student and editor of the anthology, she is not looking for any central theme of work to be submitted. Writers are encouraged to submit pieces on any subject they wish. They can also submit as many pieces of work as they want.

Some people who have had their work published in the journal before voice their opinion:

"Submitting to 'LINES: A Journal of the Arts' is a great way for students and faculty to have their creative work published for others to enjoy," Kathleen Kuchar, professor of art, said.

"I have submitted three short literary works and six poems in the 1993, 1994, and 1996 editions of 'LINES'. It provides an excellent opportunity to get published for the first time," Paul Murray, alum, said.

"'LINES' is representative of the different types of people who attend FHSU. The anthology lends an opportunity for all majors to submit their work, not just English majors."

"Submitting is an inexpensive way for people to get their feet wet and get started being published. I have submitted 10 poems in the last three years, Carla Barber, FHSU alum, said.

The judges of the pieces for this year's anthology will be the eight

members of the editorial board. A new board is selected each October.

The students who are selected to sit on the board are writers and editors who have previously had some contact with the publishing industry. So, says Schmiedler, these students know what good poetry is, and if it is worthy to be published or not.

Due to publication problems with last year's anthology, Schmiedler said they are going to have to combine this and last year's into one publication.

To save space, some of last year's pieces may be omitted. However, the board will make sure that each author will have at least one piece published in the edition of "LINES."

Anyone interested in obtaining an application may pick one up at the FHSU English department, Rarick 370. The deadline for entries is Feb. 15.

## Potential students visit FHSU campus

Laurie Bean  
Copy Editor

The day has come again when Fort Hays State is flooded with prospective students and their parents. Saturday, the office of admissions at FHSU will invite prospective students to attend Spring Visitation Day.

Joey Linn, interim director of Admissions, said, "We send out a brochure to students from a database of high school juniors and seniors that have shown interest in FHSU."

Elementary Education majors will visit on Friday. "We'll be taking a van to O'Loughlin-McCarthy Elementary to see how the program operates."

Visiting students will have the opportunity to talk to instructors and current students involved in the program," Linn said.

Registration for Elementary Education students is Friday, at Custer Hall, beginning at 12:45 pm.

Registration for all other majors starts at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday in the Memorial Union, cost is \$10 per person.

"The fee includes dinner at Taco Bell and a ticket to the FHSU basketball games," Linn said.

After registration, an opening session will be held to welcome the prospective students. Beginning at 1:45 p.m. and lasting for 45 minutes.

At 2 p.m. students and their parents can visit the departments they are interested in. Faculty will be on hand to answer any questions.

Following, from 3 p.m. to 3:30 pm, there will be a departmental and extracurricular fair held in the Memorial Union cafeteria. Various departments and activities will be stationed at the Union to provide information for the students.

Campus tours will take place from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., following the Departmental and Extracurricular Fair. "The schedule is structured, departments will only be open from 2 to 3 p.m.," Linn said.

Following the tours, the group will head over to Wiest Hall's Taco Bell for a "pre-game fiesta." After dinner at Taco Bell, visitors will attend the FHSU games against Chadron State College.

As an added promotion to at-

### 1996 Visitation Day

February 10, 1996

#### Schedule of events:

Registration	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Opening session	1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Departmental session	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Departmental fair	3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Campus tours	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Pre-game Fiesta at Taco Bell	4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Basketball - FHSU v. Chadron State	6 p.m.

Enjoy your day at Fort Hays State University!

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## Raising revenue and academic honesty primary topics for SGA

Karen Meier  
Staff Writer

A possible increase in parking fees was the primary topic of discussion at last night's Student Government Association meeting.

According to Travis Crites, SGA vice president, the university develops an infrastructure upkeep plan every ten years.

"This year, if we want to upgrade the infrastructure, we're going to have to raise some revenue," Crites said.

To raise the necessary \$100,000 to improve the quality of streets and parking areas, the traffic committee is looking at several solutions.

Possible solutions include increasing parking fees, increasing stu-

dent fees, initiating a 25 or 50 cent campus event fee, and re-zoning campus parking to eliminate the faculty/student distinction and price parking areas according to demand.

Johnny Williams, vice president for administration and finance, said, "Everyone's going to have to pay (for upkeep). Students aren't the only ones who will suffer."

In other business, Rick Williams, Atwood junior, a Knights Reserved for Evening Walkers coordinator, asked for SGA's support of that program.

KREW is a volunteer program which provides on-campus escorts for students between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. The program began two years ago, but has been out of service for the past semester. KREW will re-

sume service this Sunday night.

According to Williams, the program "fizzled out" due to lack of house-phones in campus buildings.

"It blows the whole point of the program" if students must walk across campus to phone an escort, he said.

Martha Holmes, assistant professor of art, fielded questions regarding Fort Hays State's draft academic honesty and responsibilities policy.

The policy outlines plagiarism, cheating, falsification, and disruptive behavior as examples of violations of academic honesty and responsibility. The policy also ensures an appeals process for students.

Senators expressed concern that the policy did not clearly define what see 'SGA' page 5



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### Halftime performers

Members of Jackie Creamer's Vision Dance Team perform during halftime during Saturday's basketball game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

## Compassion needs to be shown to those with AIDS



**Matt Shepker**  
Editor-in-chief

With as far as society has advanced, it still puzzles me how ignorant people can be.

While surfing the Internet recently, I came across a site that

brought to mind an historical event that happened in Hays recently—the AIDS Quilt display.

I covered the quilt for the University Leader when it was displayed last November. While I was there, I spent a lot of time looking around. Emotions were running high. There were panels dedicated to young ba-

bies and panels commemorating people's grandparents.

The group of panels that had a definite impact on me was a set of two that were dedicated to a young baby who died shortly after birth and her mother, who died two months later.

At one point in the night, I found that I was near a

couple of older women that were also looking at the quilt.

While we were standing in front of one panel, I heard one of the women make a statement that I will never forget.

"These people just deserved to die," she said.

This statement completely floored me. How

could someone make a statement like that? Does anyone really deserve to die the slow and painful death that AIDS promises?

Also, what group of people "deserve" to die? IV drug users? Sexually promiscuous people? Homosexuals?

No. No one at all deserves to die, especially

from a disease as evil as AIDS.

It does not matter how those people got the disease. People need to show some compassion for those that have AIDS.

Everyone needs to worry more about trying to help those that have AIDS instead of worrying how they got it.

### In my opinion...

Last month the federal government passed a law that would allow states to set their own speed limits.

The Kansas Legislature is now debating whether and how much the speed limit in this state should be raised. Right now they are considering raising the limit on the interstate to 70 and 65 on highways.

Raising the speed limit to 70 on interstate highways will not do any good unless the police enforce it. The current speed limit of 65 is not enforced now, so who is to say that raising it will do any good?

Also, what will be the cost of raising the speed limit? Not just the cost of changing the signs, but also lives, insurance costs, and fuel.

The reason that the speed limit was lowered in the first place was that there was the oil crisis in the late 1970's. As a result, statisticians also noticed a drop in the number of people that were killed due to traffic accidents.

If raising the speed limit results in more traffic accidents, the cost of insurance will rise. This rise in cost will, in turn, be passed on to those that have insurance.

If the cost of raising the speed limit cannot be justified, then the Kansas Legislature needs to reconsider raising it.

**Matthew Shepker**  
Editor-in-chief



Counterparts:

## Are women the worst drivers?

**Mark Bowers:**

One of my biggest pet peeves is the way other people drive. Some daydream, drive into your lane; others drive those new cars that don't have turn signals.

Being from a considerably larger city and having travelled extensively, I have found the worst drivers in the world are here in Kansas.

In general, I would say 80 percent of Kansas drivers are on my hit list.

It is not necessary to always use turn signals, but it is sure appreciated. It is always nice to know which way the driver that is stopped in the middle of the street in front of you is going.

Also, I sometimes wonder why they even bother with the little yellow line down the center of the street.

Some drive like they have an ocular impairment that doesn't allow them to see yellow.

Your average Joe out tooling around in his pickup truck is generally unaware of people walking, jogging, or on bicycles.

Ever wonder why some guys go tearing through parking lots and crowded pedestrian walks? I am afraid I cannot offer any explanation for this phenomenon, other than women tend to do it too.

Eighty percent of women are by far the worst vehicle operators in existence. Driving down the street, chatting with a friend in the back seat, head turned so she can speak directly to her friend. It is odd how women can drive like that.

Also, that little mirror hanging from the center of the windshield is not for the mobile application of makeup. Before you think about putting on makeup in a car, ladies, imagine how that mascara brush will feel stuck in your eye when you have a collision.

Vehicles, being unfeeling hunks of steel and plastic, do only what they are told to do. In other terms, a car is 3000 pounds of stupid. It does not care if it is abused or ran into the ground.

The overwhelming majority of young women drivers have absolutely no idea what a car will put up with. Most young ladies plant the gas pedal firmly on the floor when the light turns green, regardless of the strain being put upon the vehicle.

The greatest of all driving tests is parking. Parking lots and streetside parallel parking present an incredible challenge to some drivers.

All driving impairments are the result of a single situation. Lack of practice, the so-called "Sunday driver," poses the biggest threat to safety on the road.

I beg everyone, ladies and gentlemen, to pay attention when driving, slow down, and always, always, wear your seat belt.



Counterparts

**Kari Sparks:**

First of all, I do not believe there is any truth whatsoever in the cliché that women are bad drivers.

In fact, I know many women who are excellent drivers. So there.

Umm... it's just that I am not a good example at all. I never have been a good driver.

It all began when I was 15 and taking Driver's Education class so I could get a restricted license. It was a two week long course. For me

it was three weeks.

I can still remember what my instructor said when he told me I had to take driving lessons for another week.

"Kari," he said, "I don't want to pick up the paper one day and see that you've died in a car wreck!"

Well, after a week of stopping at all stop signs and turning corners into the lane instead of up onto the curb, I received my drivers permit.

I was 16 when I got my own car. By the time I was 19, I had been in six wrecks. Hey, most of the wrecks were just little fender benders. Only twice was my car totaled.

My problem? I have been told I have a short attention span.

Take the time when I was 19 and driving in Kansas City. I was looking around. OK, OK, I was fixing my hair in the rear view mirror—alright? But just because I happen to be the embodiment of a "bad female driver," does not mean that women, in general, are bad drivers!

I looked up and saw that I was approaching a red light and about to hit the car in front of me. It was my sixth wreck. I hit the car in front of me, causing that car to hit the car in front of it, which caused that car to hit the car in front of it, resulting in that car hitting the car in front of it.

I have not been in any other wrecks...well one last year. But considering that I am now 23, my driving has gotten better. Or maybe I have just gotten luckier.

Twice in the last year I have been asked by a man to pull over so he could drive. So I can't turn the radio station and drive at the same time. We drove into the ditch, but there was no harm done.

And I still occasionally pull up onto a curb when making a turn. I have recently gotten a couple of speeding tickets. My two year old daughter is often heard saying "whoah" as I turn a corner too fast.

However, I remember going on road trips with my parents. Guess who was always drifting into the other lane? Guess who scared the family to death by turning in front of "unseen" cars, or almost hitting the car ahead of us. My Dad!

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# Clinton tilts to the right amid budget confusion

## Briefs

### Interview sign-ups

Sign-ups are available in the Career Development and Placement Office for interviews with the following companies: DeKalb Swine Breeders, Crop Quest, Collingwood Grain, Servi-Tech, American Fidelity Insurance, Grant County Feeders, The Buckle, BankerLife & Casualty, and Grant County Feeders.

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

### Worlds Together

The Worlds Together program will sponsor a box office banquet at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Backdoor.

Students are encouraged to bring their friends and their favorite dish to the potluck supper. After the supper, the students will go to the Fox Theatre, 1202 Main, to view the movie "Black Sheep."

### KSPA training

Training sessions for the Kansas State Press Association contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Rarick 201.

For more information, call Matt Hoernicke at 628-3045.

### Kelly Center groups

The Kelly Center is offering several therapy groups covering several topics. These include a General Therapy group, a Self-Esteem group, a Women's Therapy group, a Substance Abuse group, and the Working Toward Healthy Families Group.

For more information, call 628-4041.

### 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.

### Tomanek lab hours

The computer labs in Tomanek Hall will have new hours except during otherwise scheduled classes.

Mon. 7 p.m.-midnight  
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 Thurs. 7 p.m.-midnight  
 Fri. 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Sat. Noon-6 p.m.  
 Sun. 1 p.m.-midnight

### Mortar Board

Mortar Board will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Endowment Center.

Donald Rothberg  
 AP Writer

It's all a matter of definition, says President Clinton. Accused of tilting to the right at the start of this political year, he counters: "I'm still to the left of Attila the Hun."

Just a joke, of course.

But Clinton, who is in a bitter dispute with Republicans over the federal budget, clearly would rather have people laughing about him being too far to the right than to the left.

In his State of the Union address, the president took a rightward step by declaring, "The era of big government is over." That

line prompted the new conservative journal "The Standard," to trumpet on its cover, "We Win."

Clinton's words are an exercise in political positioning in an election year when voters appear hostile to the values of Democrats like Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert Humphrey, both apostles of big government and believers that Washington was the place to find solutions to national problems.

Now comes Clinton's next budget, or at least a peek at it. The document he's sending to Congress is far short of the usual fat volume of tables spelling out in mind-numbing detail the presidential requests for government departments and agencies.

The administration is meeting the minimal requirements with a 15 to 20 page document that is little more than a broad outline of Clinton's spending recommendations. The actual budget with line-by-line spending proposals will not be ready until March 18.

Budgets are difficult enough for the average taxpayer to understand with page after page of column after column of numbers that finally add up to more than a trillion and a half dollars in spending.

To make matters even more confusing, this budget is not the

one Clinton and congressional Republicans have been arguing about. That debate which shut the government down twice was over the fiscal 1996 budget. The government already is well into its 1996 fiscal year and Clinton is now submitting his budget for fiscal 1997 which starts next October.

Even so, budgets send a message.

There's a solidity about numbers, a mystique that makes people believe that "figures don't lie," even when the debate suggests the flip side of that equation: "But liars figure."

In the budget battle between the president and Congress, each side questions the numbers and the priorities used by the other.

A lot of the rhetoric on both sides is typical election-year maneuvering when the country has a president of one party and a Congress of the other.

President Reagan had a divided Congress, a Republican Senate and Democratic House, when he was gearing up for his re-election run in 1984.

Reagan sent Congress a budget that called for a \$180 billion deficit and said, "The deficits projected for fiscal 1986 and beyond are totally unacceptable to me."

Something had to be done, he said. But not until after the 1984

election. Reagan won a landslide re-election and the deficits continued unabated.

When George Bush offered an election-year budget eight years later, the economy was in trouble and so was the president.

He came up with a package of tax breaks and business incentives that were immediately criticized as far short of what was needed.

Bush never regained public confidence in his handling of the economy and voters turned to Democrat Clinton in November of 1992.

When a hostile Congress received budgets from Reagan and Bush, they quickly were declared dead on arrival.

The grand blueprints from the White House were thrown out and the battle was fought incrementally over congressional budget resolutions and appropriations bills.

The difference in the current budget debate is that the Republican congressional leadership, driven by a determined freshman class, is making it harder to ignore targets set in the congressional budget resolution.

There's a lot of talk about letting the 1996 election decide the budget debate. Let the voters speak and thereby set priorities for the politicians.

But elections don't tend to decide issues that clearly. In January 1997, no matter who takes office on Capitol Hill and in the White House, it's a good bet the budget debate will go on as before.

EDITORS NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg has covered domestic and foreign affairs in Washington since 1966.

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## Mahon works toward the advancement for women

Cathy Pfannenstiel  
Staff Writer

Patricia Mahon, interim registrar for Fort Hays State, is strongly committed to doing everything she can to ensure women's presence, visibility and voice in education, business, politics, and the media today and into the future.

She has been selected to serve as State Coordinator for the National Identification Program for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education for 1996.

In this new capacity, the state coordinator's primary function will be to form a planning committee of women who represent all sectors and types of institutions throughout the state, which will identify women at senior levels, and promote and assist women leaders in their advancement.

Mahon was selected based on her vast experience in high-level education, her demonstrated leadership in and commitment to the advancement of women in higher education, and her qualifications through training and experience for advancement in higher education administration.

Mahon's role as coordinator for the NIP for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education will involve communicating with various groups of women administrators.

Additionally, she will be relaying information, interests and concerns to women administrators at FHSU, including enhancing the implementation of NIP's and the Office of Women in Higher Education vision.

Mahon was also elected to serve as president and chair of the program committee for the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

This title, which began June 1995, will include a three-year term, with her serving as program committee chair for the annual conference during the first year. The second year, Mahon will serve as president, and the third year, past president.

She hopes to utilize the networking availability to benefit women, as



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Patricia Mahon, interim registrar, serves as state coordinator for the National Identification Program.

well as promoting them in higher education advancement. She is married to Tom Mahon, FHSU's Associate Athletic Director and Lady Tigers Basketball Coach.

"Tom and I are extremely committed to higher education. It's our life!" Mahon said.

Mahon's goal is to provide state coordinators information which will add resources to other local and state women's organizations, and keep them up-to-date on the latest news and information affecting women.

Mahon, a native of Wyoming, admits she is new to this position, but takes her newly elected responsibilities seriously. She not only looks forward to the many challenges, responsibilities and opportunities she faces in the future with each title she holds, she is positively encouraged

by the endless possibilities for women.

Mahon became interim registrar in June of 1995. The primary function of her position is to uphold the integrity of FHSU conducting registration and maintenance of academic records, ultimately providing the best service possible to students and faculty.

Before June, Mahon was director of admissions at FHSU from 1988 to 1995.

Before coming to FHSU in 1988, Mahon worked 11 years as a residence hall director, in admissions and enrollment management in Montana.

During her seven years as director of admissions, she took a one-year leave of absence to complete course work for her doctorate in multicultural affairs at Kansas State University.

## Parking problems at game cause comments

### University police plan to handle big crowds and traffic

Kari Sparks  
Copy Editor

The crowd at last Saturday's basketball game against Kearney-Nebaska created some welcome problems for the University Police.

According to Sid Carlile, chief of the University Police, the crowd of 6,627 was "great" to see, but created traffic and parking difficulties.

"We encourage faculty, staff, students and the local community to continue to support the Tigers," Carlile said.

"However, we want the public to know that next time there will be

mechanisms in place to better handle the traffic."

Carlile said the general public is encouraged to allow more time to find a parking space when attending a game.

"We are also asking for (the public's) cooperation and patience during that time," Carlile said.

According to Carlile, mechanisms have already been created to avoid the traffic problems seen last week.

"Once parking is full at the Hyper Complex, other than those that have reserved parking permits and the handicapped, will be directed to park on campus.

"We will also announce on the radio when the lots are full to inform people that they need to go to campus to park," Carlile said.

Carlile said when the Hyper Complex parking spaces are full, Gustad

Drive will be closed to west bound traffic, except for those who have reserved parking permits.

"Additional units will also be located at Eighth (street) and alternate, and Main and alternate to advise traffic that hyper lots are full and direct the traffic to campus," Carlile said.

According to Carlile, the police will be better prepared to handle the crowds for the last four basketball games that remain in the season.

Carlile said that normally crowds have been 3000 to 4000 people this season and last Saturday's crowd was "great" to see.

However, "Those that choose to jeopardize others by parking illegally will be dealt with," Carlile said.

For more information Carlile encourages people to call him at 628-5304.

## Fee for 'testing out' raised

Kari Sparks  
Copy Editor

The cabinet of Fort Hays State recently approved a revised policy on "testing out" of classes.

According to Provost Rodolfo Arevalo, the only change in the policy is a \$20 raise in the fee, making it \$25, effective the fall semester of 1996.

A student who, "because of maturity, wide reading, courses taken in non-accredited colleges, or other off campus preparation," and believed to have "superior knowledge" of a course may petition the appropriate department chair to test out of the class, according to a press release.

The policy says that in order to test out of a class the student must petition the appropriate department chair for an "advanced standing examination," according to a press release.

If the test is passed the student will receive a grade of "CR," meaning credit will be noted on transcript or

"NC" meaning no credit if the test is failed.

However, according to the press release, the petition cannot be granted after the student "has taken or audited courses which in any degree duplicate the course sought or courses which may be considered in advance of the course requested."

To obtain an advanced standing examination the student must follow these procedures, according to the press release.

1. Must be a regularly enrolled student or a prospective student who subsequently enrolls.

2. Student submits request to department chairperson to take advanced standing examination.

3. Appropriate department chairperson submits letter via campus or E-Mail to Provost giving permission for student to take A.S.E. The letter must include the student's local address, course title, number, and credit hours

and a brief explanation of why student is requesting the A.S.E.

4. Provost approves or disapproves and sends letter to department with a copy to student.

5. Student takes copy of approval letter to Business Office and pays fee of \$25 for each course.

6. Student then takes receipt to department chairperson who makes arrangement for exam.

7. The department chairperson notifies the Registrar's Office if student passes or fails exam.

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# America's governors propose answers for Medicaid and welfare problems Both Senate and House pass bill

## Plan would give states more power

WASHINGTON (AP) The proposals by America's governors on Medicaid and welfare could help Congress and President Clinton solve their impasse over those issues, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said.

"If you want to be the honest brokers, we're prepared to act," the Kansas Republican told the governors Tuesday.

"Now we might have to make a few little changes when it gets up there, because we have to get the votes ... but you give us the basic outlines," he said.

Kansas Gov. Bill Graves, who introduced Dole to the audience, said in an interview that the governors were able to bridge partisan differences to come up with proposals both Dole and Clinton could embrace.

"Everybody agreed it's in the best interests of the country to provide this framework, this catalyst to try to help the Congress and the president move forward," Graves said.

The governors' plan would give states more power to design their own Medicaid proposals, but there would be extra federal money available to states in times of economic distress.

Instead of straight block grants to states as some Republicans sought, the federal-state funding responsi-

bility would stay in place.

On welfare, the governors approved a proposal providing \$4 billion extra for states to provide day care, considered a key to allowing more people to move off welfare rolls and into jobs. States could get bonuses if they reduce out-of-wedlock births and, again, they would have more power to design their own systems.

Clinton last year vetoed budget legislation that included a different Republican Medicaid plan and also rejected a GOP bill to reform the welfare system. Even though he supported those failed proposals, Dole said he is willing to try to reach compromise.

"We've come too far and worked too hard to simply throw up our hands and allow the present system to trap a new generation of Americans in despair," Dole said. "We're willing to be flexible."

That would be good news to Graves and other governors, who are ready to take on more responsibility from the federal government but concerned they won't have enough time to plan for the changes.

Graves said a state group led by Lt. Gov. Sheila Frahm has been working on how to deal with the new landscape, with a goal of reporting on possible new directions to state legislators before the current session ends.

"Our hope is, before the Legisla-

ture goes home this year, that we can share our thoughts with them about what we might have to do next year," Graves said. "I intend for our response to federal changes to be a partnership and not just unilateral action by this administration."

Toward that end, Graves said it would be "unwise" for state lawmakers to reduce or eliminate the property tax mill levy. State House Majority Leader Vince Snowbarger, R-Olathe, introduced a bill to phase the levy out over eight years, with projected revenue growth to make up the difference.

Graves said until federal changes are finished, the state should refrain from major tax reforms.

"I think that it would be unwise to get carried away with eroding our tax base until the certainty of this whole debate is known," he said. "I think it would be unwise to embark on that

Washington D.C. AP-A sweeping telecommunications measure designed to foster competition between the telephone, cable, and broadcast industries cleared the Senate Feb. 1 by a 91-5 vote, and cleared the House by a vote of 414 to 16. The measure now goes to President Clinton who has pledged to sign it into law.

Supporters of the bill characterized it as bringing historic changes to the United States. They said it would mean lower prices for the consumer and new services and devices.

"By unleashing competition in the communications industry, America will have more jobs, a stronger economy and more opportunity," said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

"We are at the dawn of the information age," Jack Fields, R-Texas, said of the House-Senate agreement on the legislation. "What we do today is vitally important to the future of this country."

The measure received only token

opposition with four Democrats and one Republican voting against it, in the senate and 15 Democrats and one independent in the House.

The bill would affect phone, cable, broadcasting and other communications-related companies, allowing them to compete in each other's markets. Bill supporters argued that the legislation would result in greater consumer choice and better prices.

The measure requires local phone companies to open their networks to competitors, permits the regional Bell Operating Companies to enter the long distance and manufacturing markets under certain conditions, eases ownership requirements on broadcasters and deregulates cable rates for small cable TV systems.

The bill also requires televisions sold in the United States have a "v-chip" allowing parents to block TV shows rated as inappropriate for children.

While the measure drew the support

of most members, opponents criticized a section which they believed could be misinterpreted as a gag rule on abortion issues. Members also disagreed over the method of allocating spectrum space to broadcasters and others.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., opposed the bill because of its plans to give broadcasters the new allocations of broadcast spectrum they need to develop digital broadcasting.

"One thing I want to make perfectly clear to the American public is that Congress, at the behest of special interest groups, has turned its back on \$30 billion of potential revenue," McCain said.

Other complaints about the bill included the relaxation of restrictions on station ownership and foreign ownership of American telecommunications companies.

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constitutes disruptive behavior, leaving the interpretation to individual instructors.

Melissa Graham, Hays senior, said, "Tell what it is, and we won't do it. Just don't leave it up to one person."

In new business, SGA voted to express support for the broadcast of the radio station over the airwaves.

They also voted to allocate \$5150 for the purchase of new computers for the SGA office.

This purchase would include two IBM computers with Pentium processors, one laptop computer, and one laserjet printer.

Funds were also allocated for Student Alumni Association, Volleyball Club and Sabre Club.

In other business, Jody Hall, Sylvia freshmen, was ratified as a business senator. Senate seats in the areas of health, business education and office administration and humanities are still open.



Acting out

Squire Boone, Hays alumnus, and Jenna Winterberg, Overland Park sophomore, audition for roles in the up coming One Act plays to be performed in Felten-Start Theatre.

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# February warm spell provides chance to get active outside



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TOP: Tammy Chase, Ulysses sophomore, plays guitar on the steps of the Delta Zeta sorority house while Isela Lerma, Garden City sophomore, jokes with her yesterday afternoon.

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BOTTOM RIGHT: Jeff Hammons, Shawnee freshman; Brooke Davis, Halstead sophomore; and Helen Herman, Great Bend freshman, rollerblade by Picken Hall yesterday afternoon.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Emiliana Araujo, Thomas More Prep-Marian School junior from Brazil, and Luisa Maiquez, TMP-M senior from Mexico, rollerblade in front of Sheridan Hall yesterday afternoon.





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**TOP LEFT:** Chad Creamer, Hays senior, takes advantage of near record high temperatures to detail his car on Eighth Street yesterday.



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**TOP RIGHT:** Helen Herman, Great Bend freshman, rollerblades by Picken Hall yesterday.

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**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Laura Shoaff, Tiger Tots head teacher, directs her class in front of Rarick Hall. Shoaff moved the class because their playground was too muddy yesterday afternoon.

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**BOTTOM:** Alvin Chong, Malaysia sophomore, relaxes on the fountain in front of Picken before riding his bike home.

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**MIDDLE LEFT:** Workers work on the roof of Forsyth Library yesterday afternoon.





## Students help each other advance

**Amy Bruntz**  
Feature and Entertainment Editor

Is that logic class turning your mind to mush? Having trouble keeping verb conjugations straight in that Spanish class? Tired of all your compositions coming back with more red ink than black? Then start taking advantage of the many peer tutors on campus.

Peer tutors are available in most departments on campus. In addition, Supplemental Instruction sessions are offered for many general studies classes. According to Eddie Tejada, coord-

inator of student services, supplemental instruction sessions are offered generally for "entry level courses that are usually more challenging than others."

Tejada said being a freshman is usually a transition stage, so many of the supplemental instruction sessions are geared towards helping new students.

"We try to include courses which students may not already have a background in," Tejada said.

However, Tejada said freshmen are not the only students who take advantage of supplemental instruction. "We get a wide range of students," Tejada said.

According to Tejada, sessions are made up both of students who are struggling and students who want to make that "A" or "B."

Currently, S.I. sessions are offered for: Human Biology, Gen. Chemistry, University Chemistry, Computers, College Algebra, Gen. Logic, Gen. Psychology, and Introduction to Sociology.

Karen Meier, Hays junior, has been a Supplemental Instructor for General Logic for four semesters. According to Meier, there are three sessions each week. One of these sessions each week is devoted solely to question and answers.

"I love doing it," Meier said. "I really like being able to work one on one with students."

Meier said that this is good experience since she wants to teach philosophy. She said this helps her learn about different learning styles.

"It's great to watch someone come in really confused and then start to understand," Meier said.

According to Tejada, there are three ways he gets names for people to hire as supplemental instructors. Most people are referred by a faculty member, some from previous supplemental instructors, and others inquire about becoming leaders.

Tejada said most of the leaders are majors of the area. They attend classes to keep up with the class and professors. These leaders "know the bumps in the roads," Tejada said, because they have taken the class before.

For the most part, according to Tejada, students do take advantage of these sessions. "But, I wish people would check it out more," Tejada said. Supplemental Instruction sessions are free to all students.

In addition to Supplemental instruction, many departments offer peer

tutors as well.

According to Ronald Sandstrom, department of mathematics and computer sciences chair, the department offers two other sources of peer tutors.

Education majors in mathematics may take an apprenticeship class and these students do some tutoring as part of the class.

Also, the department hires some mathematics major students to tutor students in mathematics classes. These tutors have specific hours posted and their services are free to students.

Graduate Teaching Assistants in the English Department offer tutoring services in the Computer Assisted Instruction Lab, Forsyth Library, LaNette Schmeidler, Springfield, Va., graduate student, and Dennis Sowers, Bison graduate student, give free tutoring to students who are writing papers.

According to Schmeidler, although first priority is given to students in composition classes, anyone writing a paper may receive assistance.

The department of modern languages is another that organizes peer tutors. According to Ruth Firestone, department of modern languages chair, students in the modern language internship class provide tutoring.

The teaching interns give free tutoring to students who need additional help in Spanish, German, and French.

Firestone said if students want the additional help, they simply need to talk with their instructor.

Most tutors felt that students are taking advantage of their help, but they also want to offer some advice: Do not wait until the end of the semester to utilize their services.



MARK BOWERS / University leader

### Recital time

Nicole Moran, McCracken sophomore, plays in a student recital Thursday afternoon in Malloy Hall.



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Karen Meier, Hays junior, explains a diagram to a group of General Logic students. Meier is a supplemental instruction leader.

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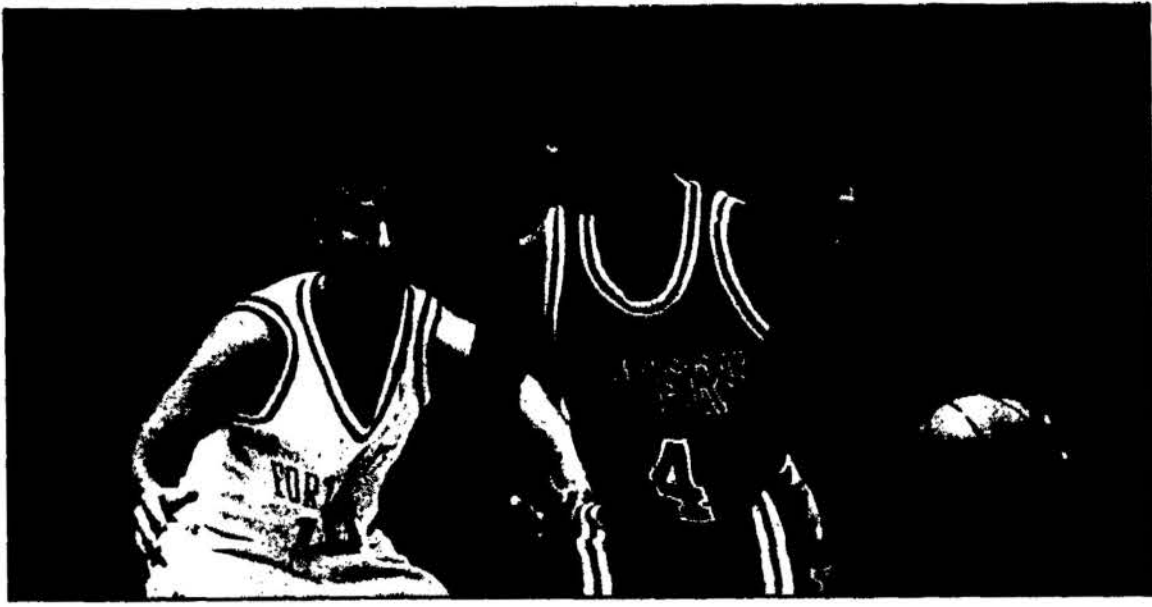
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### Keep your eye on the ball

Chad Creamer, Hays senior, watches the ball as Kenya Crandell, Nebraska-Kearney, looks for a teammate to pass to Saturday night. The Tigers won 97-84.

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## Wrestling is wrestling

Kayla Schawe  
Staff Writer

After being away from the high level at Wray, Colo., for almost four years now, Tiger wrestling coach Bob Smith has not regretted the transition and is pleased with the program.

"I don't think it was a big transition because wrestling is wrestling at any level," Smith said.

"Probably the biggest transition is the time management and the commitment to the students and the program."

So far, the Tigers currently have a record of 4-8 in dual matches. According to Smith, they improved and placed higher than the past, but they are not quite a contender yet for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Also, the Tigers were ranked 19th in the top 20 NCAA II polls as of Jan. 23. This ranking was the team's first time ever.

In the future, Smith would like to win the conference, but stressed more interest in the NCAA II West Regional Tournament that will take place March 2 in Hays. Top winners from this tournament will advance to the championship held March 15-16 in Greeley, Colo.

"Coach Smith has a strong will to win because he has such a tradition and knows how to win," said Brian Allender, Hutchinson sophomore.

When Smith is not coaching, he is an athletic administration assistant.



Bob Smith

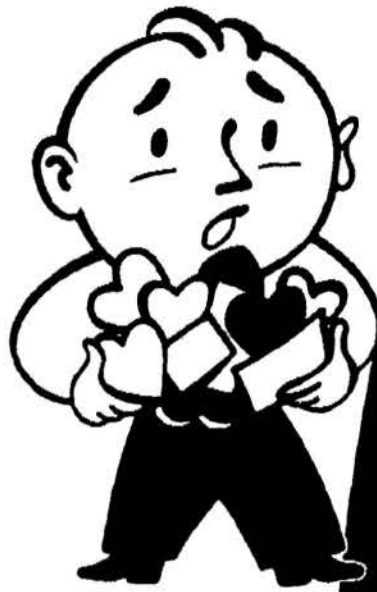
"It was my own ambition through high school, and my college coach reinforced my decision to be an administrator as well as a coach," Smith said.

"I enjoy them both. The biggest thing is trying to sell this sport," Smith said. "We just wish for more support from the community."

Smith would like to express his thanks to the team's support group, the Mat Cats who helped with open, state and regional tournaments. He especially extends his gratitude to his family and wife, Marilyn. "If it wasn't for my wife, I don't think I would have been successful," Smith said.

The Tigers will hit the mat against the Colorado School of Mines 1p.m. Saturday at in Gross Memorial Coliseum. Then on Tuesday the Tigers will travel for a dual match with Central Missouri State University and Northeast Missouri State at 7p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo.

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## On the Sidelines with Maynard



**Marc Menard**  
Sports Columnist

Chemistry. It was never one of my favorite subjects in school. The only thing I ever learned was that with the right elements, you can really make things explode.

On the basketball court, team chemistry has helped the Fort Hays State men's team to much success this season. The Tigers have been quick learners of the concept of chemistry after all, they are 19-0 and still hold the number two ranking in the NCAA Division II polls. Virginia Union, which is currently ranked first, lost their first game of the season on Monday night, leaving the door open for FHSU, as the only unbeaten team left in Division II, to claim the top ranking, provided they win this weekend against RMAC opponents, Colorado Mines and Chadron State.

Getting back to this thing called chemistry. It is hard to describe, but the Tigers seem to have it, and it shows in their performance on the basketball court this season. This is a team that is more concerned with playing together as a team, rather than their own individual statistics.

"We would certainly like to be No. 1. It is important, but right now we are more concerned with taking care of ourselves and the things we need to do on the court," senior point guard Chad Creamer said.

"I think it is just a matter of everybody understanding their role on this team and not trying to do anything more than that."

The business at hand, as far as FHSU is concerned, is team defense, a coaching scheme that head coach Gary Garner has maintained throughout his years as a coach.

"I started building my defensive

philosophy years ago, and with changes here and there, continue to build on it," Garner said.

"I think the guys have really bought into the idea of team defense and they have done what I have asked of them. I am really pleased with their efforts."

The pressure defense of the Tigers also has been successful in forcing opponents to take bad shots which again has given the Tigers the opportunity to gather rebounds and run it to the other end for two points. A style that suits the Tigers just fine.

The defensive philosophy is the same as it was last year according to senior guard Geoff Eck, the only difference is this year the Tigers believe it can carry them to a RMAC championship or perhaps even farther.

"Everybody on this team wants to play defense, we believe it carries over into our offense," Eck said.

So far, the winning has indeed taken care of itself, and the Tigers are not resting lightly on their unblemished record and national ranking. This tight knit team remains calm about an impending move to the top of the national polls, and instead remain focused on playing one game at a time and not getting caught looking ahead.

"As long as we don't worry about our next game and take each game one at a time, hopefully at the end of the season we can finish on top," junior center Alonzo Goldston said.

Ah yes, chemistry. I don't understand everything about it. But, it is obvious the Tigers have caught on quickly to the concept. The Tigers have earned an "A", let's hope it carries over to the post-season.

*Editor's note: Maynard is Marc Menard's nickname.*



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

### Look me in the eye

Mindy Lyne, Lincoln junior, tries to distract Jennifer Warner of the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers during the Feb. 2 game at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The Lady Tigers lost 75-56.

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