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American Heart Association celebrates 'heart month'

Kari Sparks
Staff Writer

February may remind people of their heart filled with love for their valentine, but the American Heart Association wants February to also remind people of what the heart may also be filled with—cholesterol.

February is American Heart Month for the AHA, "a special opportunity to educate Kansans about heart disease and strokes," said Cindee Stratton, director of communications and marketing for AHA, said in a press release.

According to John Zody, associate professor of health and human performance, heart disease and strokes are not just for "old people."

"Anyone who has a high fat diet, doesn't exercise, is overweight, smokes or has a family history of heart disease is

at risk," Zody said.

However, Zody said, that other than age and family history, the causes of heart disease can be controlled.

"You have a responsibility to your heart in terms of exercising, eating a low fat diet and not smoking or drinking excessively."

"College age people tend to think they are invisible, they don't think about dying. I see students who are smoking and just not making educated decisions. I see students on campus who go up one flight of stairs and are gasping for breath," Zody said.

Zody recommends people take an "inventory of their lifestyle" during American Heart Month and evaluate their diet and exercise.

Zody said it is also important to have your blood pressure and cholesterol checked by a doctor.

Model U.N. to attend annual conference

15 Fort Hays State students travel to St. Louis

Laurie Bean
Copy Editor

Fort Hays State students involved in Model United Nations are planning a trip to St. Louis to attend the Annual Midwest Model U.N. Conference. The conference begins Feb. 27 and runs through to March 3.

"About 75 colleges and universities from across the nation will be attending the conference. Fort Hays State students will be competing with colleges like Kansas University and Memphis State," Paul Basinski, faculty advisor for Model U.N., said.

According to Basinski, 15 students will participate in mock sessions. Students study the politics and culture of an assigned country. They also learn the rules of parliamentary procedures and the issues that will be presented at the conference.

"Model UN is by, of, and for the students. They have done all the planning and preparing for the conference," Basinski said. "It is an incredible field trip that allows students to broaden their understanding of the world we live in."

Once the students get to the conference, the students from FHSU act as representatives from the countries of Germany and Lebanon. Resolutions will be made regarding a wide range of issues.

Among these issues will be the activities in Bosnia, questions of genocide, the treatment of women, and the treatment of prisoners.

"Awards will be giving out to delegates who make the most impact and those who bring in the most resolutions," Basinski said.

"Our goal this semester is to go away from the conference winning awards for the group and FHSU. Nationally Fort Hays is gaining more recognition, if we bring home some awards this could help boost our recognition."

"What's great about this year's Model UN group is that it includes international students as well as students from western Kansas. It helps raise the student's awareness of other cultures."

As Secretary General of Model U.N., Terry Bruce, Pretty Prairie, junior, has also been invited to attend the 38th Air Force Academy Assembly. The Assembly takes place March 12 through the 16 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bruce will be representing FHSU at the assembly which will be considering "U.S. foreign policy and the U.N. System."

"We participate in round table discussions with eight to nine students. We will discuss four topics a day," Bruce said.

Some of the issues Bruce will be tackling at the conference include: peace operations, economic assistance to developing countries, U.N. and U.S. foreign policy, human rights issues, and the effectiveness of the U.N. structure.

"At this conference we will learn new perspectives on cultural differences. Hopefully, I can bring these perspectives back to Model U.N. and my classes," Bruce said.

If anyone would like more information about Model U.N. they can contact Paul Basinski at 628-5391 or Terry Bruce at 628-1022.

Internet leads King to FHSU

Amy Nonhof
Staff Writer

The Internet truly is everywhere as Dennis King, media production specialist for the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Technology, discovered. He heard about Fort Hays State's job opening in the Chronicle for Higher Education on the World Wide Web.

King was just "gloating around on the Web" one day and saw the job opening. Preparing to finish his master's degree in communication from the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater, King sent a resume and received the call back for the job offer.

"I was like, 'Great! Where?' when I received the call," King said.

The decision to move to Kansas was an easy one. "There is a growing audience for distance education," King said. Wisconsin is further behind than Kansas in technological advance, so, it was progressive for King's career to move to "The Land of OZ."

King's first day of work corresponded with the students' first day of the spring semester. Not employed for long, his duties seem ever changing.

"I deal mainly with audio and video production and duplication," King said.

He also deals with continuing education quite a bit. "Hopefully, I will have four courses out by summer," King said.

Since coming to FHSU, King hasn't been able to see most of the campus itself, but has noticed the technology overall.

Because CTELT is structured for faculty support instead of student-based help, King hasn't seen the student-oriented technology in work, but he does help with some student programs.

"My previous experience of remote field and studio work helps me keep the attention of students watching videotapes I make," King said.

There is more to accepting a university job in Kansas than just FHSU's technology. "I love the weather here; negative 27 degrees was a piece of cake compared to Wisconsin weather," King said.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

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Student Health Center and GAMMA selling safe sex

Amy Nonhof
Staff Writer

On this day, when couples show their affection for one another by giving roses and candy, the Student Health Center and Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol has another gift idea—a condom.

For the last five years, the Student Health Center has sponsored Condom Week which begins on Valentine's Day.

"This approach started as not a promotion for sex, but of being responsible," Patty Scott, director of student health, said.

According to Scott, many students feel it is not "vogue" to use condoms and just "telling people about

condoms wasn't doing any good."

Peggy Clarke, president of the American Social Health Association, said in a press release, "It is crucial that sex partners talk openly about the sensitive subject of sexual health and use condoms to protect one another from sexually transmitted diseases."

Clarke also said that while birth control methods are effective in preventing pregnancy, only condoms will help prevent the contraction of a sexually transmitted disease.

According to Clarke, 55 million Americans have STD's with 12 million new infections each year. Two thirds of new infections occur in people under 25.

ASHA sponsors National Condom Day on Valentine's Day.

For the Student Health Center's Condom Week, they will be selling decorative, functional condoms outside the cafeteria in Memorial Union from 9-11 a.m. today and Thursday.

"They have lollipop condoms, matchbook condoms, as well as condoms that say 'Be Mine Tonight' and 'I Love You,'" Scott said.

"We also have a condom that is packaged like a CD called Purple Raincoat after the artist formerly known as Prince's 'Purple Rain'."

"And we have 'Frosty's Magic Hat' which is made out of three white condoms," Scott said.

GAMMA is also selling condom "roses" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and Thursday across from the Grab-n-Go, Memorial Union, according to Shelly Roben-Lojka,

GAMMA president.

"This is to advocate safe sex. GAMMA is a lot more than the management of alcohol. We cover a lot of topics that involve making health choices," Roben-Lojka said.

According to Roben-Lojka, the "roses" have all been handmade by GAMMA, consisting of two useable condoms wrapped to look like a rose.

The lollipops are selling for 50 cents apiece and the other condom gifts are \$2.

Scott said that condoms are also available free of charge at the Student Health Center.

"You can ask for condoms at the front desk or ask to see a nurse who will give them to you," Scott said.

Scott said that they offer a wide variety of condoms.

Dinner to honor Endowment Association

Denise Augustine
Staff Writer

In honor of their 50th anniversary, Fort Hays State's Endowment Association is celebrating with a dinner and dance.

The celebration will be held Saturday evening in the FHSU Ballroom, Memorial Union. A local band, the Hays Big Band, will be performing with the dinner at 7:15 p.m. and the dance at 8:30 p.m. Admittance is by invitation only, and the cost is \$35 per person.

"Our anniversary logo and theme, 'Proud tradition, committed to the future,' is indicative of the foundation the association has established through the years and its dedication to building on that base in the future," Virgil

Scott, executive director of the Endowment Association, said.

The anniversary celebration is a way to reflect on the past, but also focus on the future and how to continue building FHSU.

During the anniversary celebration, a video produced by Information, Networking and Telecommunications will be shown. The video consists of interviews with faculty members, trustees and students sharing their views on the university.

In addition to the dinner and dance, an open house will be held Friday morning from 9 to 11 in the activities room. The open house will kick off the weekend celebration. Faculty, staff and community friends are invited to attend.

"We will applaud the past with our

friends and celebrate the future of the Endowment Association," said Scott.

The association has also arranged for free tours of Tomaneck Hall at 1:30 p.m. and Sternberg Museum of Natural History at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The Endowment Association was established Dec. 4, 1945 in order to receive gifts for the University. This year, over 500 volunteers made up of faculty, students and community members, called nearly 20,000 alumni to surpass their goal of \$320,000 for various scholarships through their annual Tiger Call.

Beginning in March, the association will begin a community drive in which volunteers will visit area businesses and friends of the university for potential scholarships.



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

Taking the tour

High school students visit booths during Saturday's Spring Visitation Day.

Professor proposes cash market for human organs

Richard Carelli
A.P. Writer

Lloyd Cohen says he's found a way to end the severe shortage of vital organs needed for medical transplants: Let people sell their hearts, livers and kidneys when they die.

It may sound like a ghoulish proposition, but Cohen says giving people an economic incentive to let their organs be used in transplant operations would end a scarcity that prevents many Americans from having life-saving operations.

"If you pay people for something that's valueless to them, you'll prob-

ably get more of them to provide it to you. Why let usable organs be burned or become food for worms?"

Cohen wants people to have the same property right in their body parts as they have in homes, cars, boats or other worldly possessions.

In other words, an estate could earn money through the sale of the vital organs of the deceased.

Such a right does not exist today. "Why shouldn't someone own his heart or his liver in the same way he owns his wristwatch?" Cohen asks.

Here's how Cohen's organ-transplant market would work:

- A government or quasi-government procurement agency would spread information about how valuable their organs have become, perhaps \$5,000 per heart, liver and kidney.

- Potential donors would sign cards agreeing to provide organs if the circumstances of their deaths make harvesting possible and would specify to whom payment should be made.

- The procurement agency would maintain a national registry, and hospitals would have a legal duty to notify the agency and preserve the or-

gans until transportation could be arranged.

He estimates that as many as 80,000 organs would become available each year, at a cost to the government of \$560 million — \$5,000 per organ plus shipping and handling costs. Cohen does not say whether recipients or their insurance companies would have to pay for the organs.

Cohen isn't too concerned with those questions, although alternatives are discussed in his book, "Increasing the Supply of Transplant Organs: The Virtues of an Options Market."

The problem is, Cohen has failed to get anyone in Congress excited

about his proposal. And federal law, the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984, currently makes it a crime to buy and sell human organs and tissue, with the exception of blood.

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws drafted a model anatomical gifts law in 1968, and all 50 states adopted it or something close to it. The model was amended in 1987 to conform to the federal law and make organ selling illegal. To date, 21 states have adopted that version.

"We are revisiting the model act periodically but so far nobody has raised the sale issue," says the

conference's John McCabe. "I don't hear anyone in the organ procurement area talking about this. There's no hue and cry."

McCabe believes some other form of economic incentive might be more attractive. "Allowing deductions on health insurance in return for donor cards is one alternative," he suggests.

"Cohen's idea, which is really a market in organ futures, has value," McCabe says, "because it causes us to rethink."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard Carelli covers legal affairs for The Associated Press.

In my opinion...

Valentine's Day is upon us, and men and women alike are going to be running to the store to make sure their significant others are happy.

Having a day dedicated to love is a good thing. Having a day that is dedicated to making flower shops, card shops, and retail stores money is not.

Valentine's Day, just like Christmas and Easter, is yet another over commercialized and over publicized holiday.

Just look at the way that merchants raise the price of everything the few weeks preceding the holiday. Why does the price of a rose go from \$2 to \$4.50 in 24 hours? It is not because there is a great shortage of roses.

Not only do prices rise, but advertising makes expectations of what to buy go up.

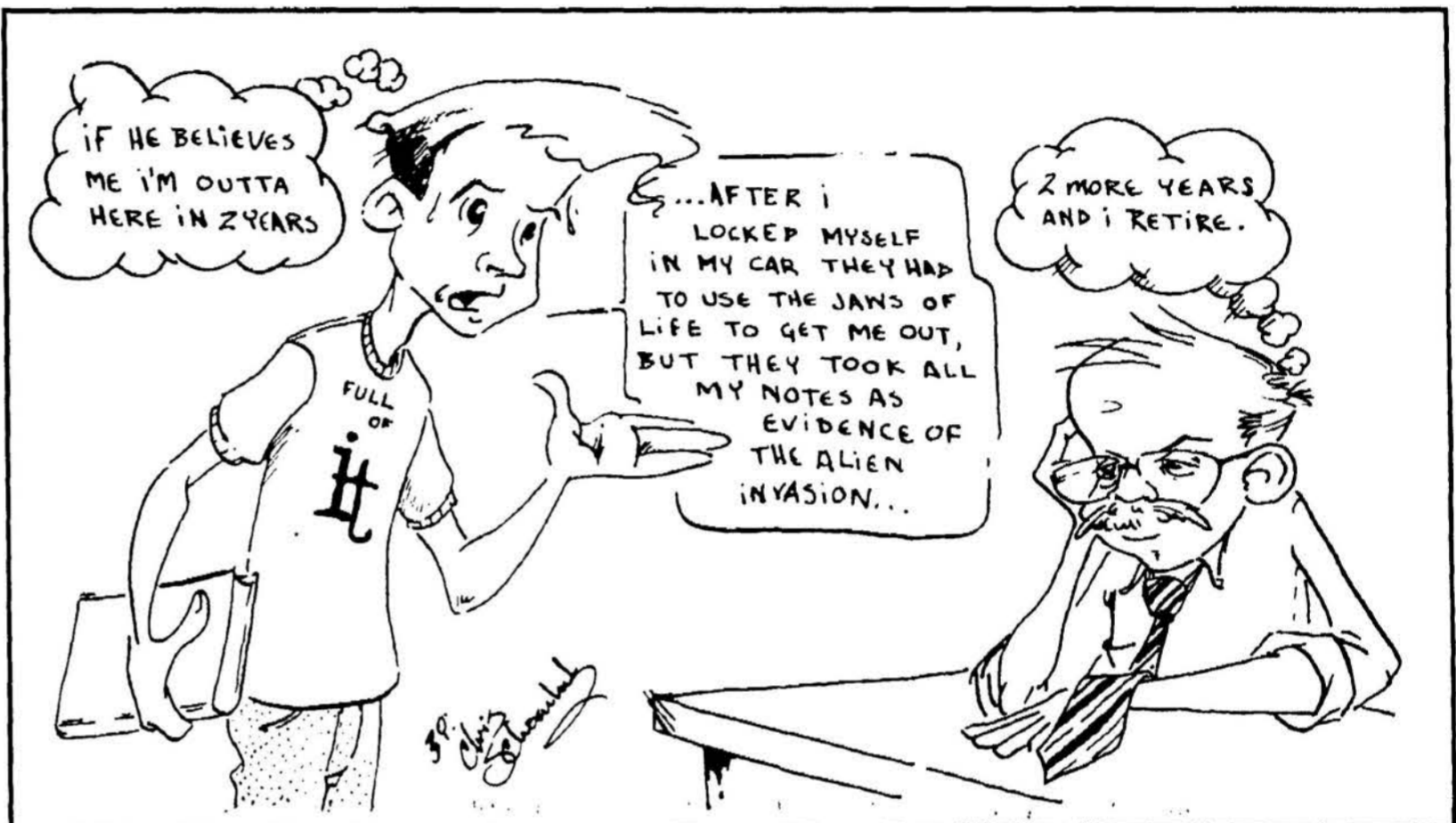
Take, for example, the television commercials that imply that if you do not send this certain type of card then you are not giving the best that you can. So what? A card is a card.

The point behind Valentine's Day should be to realize that the one special person in your life is special to you and that you love her or him. If the giving and receiving of gifts is a part of that, then that is fine too.

Essentially, one should not feel required to buy a Valentine's Day gift.

There are many good things that one can say for living in a country that has a capitalistic economy, but living in one that creates holidays just to make money is not one of them.

Matthew Shepker
Editor-in-chief



Counterparts:

Is Valentine's Day really worth it?

Mark Bowers:

Valentine's Day serves very little purpose, other than to make some people feel bad.

Oh sure, it is great for those who are in relationships, but the other ones can feel very lonely and left out.

It also gives you guys an opportunity to buy your girlfriend flowers.

In all truth and reality, Valentine's is just another day. It's kind of a should-you-choose-to-accept-it holiday.

Holidays like this can rank right up there with Christmas for the lonely and dysfunctional. It makes you realize how sad and depressing your life really is.

Life just goes its course, and then it is Valentine's Day. Yahoo. Another day of fun and frolic in good ol' Hays.

Looking back at past Valentines, I can't really remember being in a relationship at this time of year.

Maybe I just ended the relationship just because I felt a holiday full of love and happiness coming on and decided I couldn't handle it.

Romantic times are all good, but a specific day set aside to be sweet? What a crock. Flowers are great anytime but lose some impact on Valentine's Day.

The whole point of romance is letting someone know they are on your mind quite a bit of the time.

Romance should be simple and pleasing to all those involved, not a pink card picked up at the grocery store.

Homemade valentines can be ever so cheesy, but they mean so much more. They prove you didn't send your secretary out to pick up a card for your sweetheart.

Romance to me is spending time with someone, sharing your heart and mind, totally letting someone in. Holidays do not really foster closeness.

Holidays tend to create a negative attitude about togetherness, being forced together instead of being together by choice.

It almost makes me depressed, as I have nothing but my work to keep me company.

Not having a girlfriend is actually pretty cool most of the time, but certain holidays, however generic, can bring on the single guy or gal blues.

So, to those of you who are in relationships, buy flowers for the others in your group. Gals, try buying a few roses for your guy. Can't hurt, and may be greatly appreciated.

So this Valentine's Day, step outside the norm, and go that extra step to show your special person how you feel.

If you think someone is special, chances are someone else probably thinks the same thing.



Counterparts

Kari Sparks:

Valentine's Day. Schmalentine's Day.

That about sums up what I think of Valentine's Day. And I'm not just saying that because I don't have a boyfriend—OK maybe I am a little bit. However, the times I happened to have had a "valentine" were rather disappointing.

Remember when Valentine's Day was such a big deal in high school? I remember just waiting and hoping in class that the office aide would come in with a message that there was a delivery

for me in the office.

After school I'd go to the office and see all the roses and teddy bears and wonder which one was mine.

Inevitably, it was the pink carnations—from my parents.

Take for instance the gift I got a few years ago. As I approached my car after I got off work I saw that my car was covered with big red hearts. I thought that was really sweet till I got close enough to read what they said. Not "Be Mine" not "I love you," heck, "I like you a whole lot" would have been fine.

Instead, in the typical guy way, my boyfriend ruined what could of been a romantic gesture by writing phrases like...well... "Nice A**" is the only comment I wish to tell you.

Oh, and take those Valentine's Days when you have just started dating someone and don't know if you should get them anything or not because you are not really established yet as a couple, and what if he didn't get you anything? Well I have been on both sides of that predicament.

Once I received a Valentine's Day gift without having one to give to him. He was really embarrassed.

Another time, I got something for my "boyfriend," but he didn't have a gift for me. Luckily, when I went to pick him up, I realized this. On the way home I threw that cute little teddy bear out the window.

Granted, I have dated some real winners (I'm being sarcastic), but Valentine's Day is pointless.

I mean why have one specific day out of the year to show your significant other that they are loved? I mean if two people really care about each other, then every day should be Valentine's Day.

OK, maybe I just don't want a day that is such a glaring reminder that you don't have a valentine?

It is everywhere. Even the sitcoms on TV have to involve Valentine's Day. The radio dedicates songs to couples and stores are decorated with hearts and flowers and everything.

It's making me a bitter person. But hey, for all of you that are happily celebrating this day with your Valentine, I'm happy for you—no really I am. Hey I'll still get my pink carnations—somebody loves me.

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Sign-ups are available in the Career Development and Placement Center for interviews with the following companies: Luby's Cafeteria, Federated Insurance, and Foot Locker.

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

HALO

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the basement of the Memorial Union.

Alpha Kappa Psi

There will be a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the basement of the Memorial Union.

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 alcohol may be playing too large a part in their life. The meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. Fridays in the third floor conference room of Picken Hall.

Accounting club

There will be an accounting club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Trails Room of the Memorial Union. There will be a speaker.

K.R.E.W.

The Knights Reserved for Evening Walkers is a service designed to walk students to and from residence halls, classes, sororities and fraternities, and the library.

This service is available from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. To utilize this service, call 628-KREW.

For more information, call Traci Reinsch at 628-5700 or Noalee McDonald at 628-5409.



Reader Feedback

In her column in the February 6 issue of the University Leader, Laurie Bean outlines her plans for raising her son as a single mother. Bean is to be commended for her dedication and determination as she sets out on a road that is sure to be challenging and rewarding.

I do not know Bean's situation, nor is it any of my business, but she does seem to be trying to make a point that a male is not necessary in the rearing of her son. In fact, the spelling of "womyn" can only be seen as a very strong statement about her feelings towards men. She is certainly entitled to her feeling, whatever they may be.

However, I do hope her son has a grandfather, uncles, or male friends of Ms. Bean, with whom he can identify and observe as role models. Bean may feel that she "can provide all the tools necessary to survive," but from other comments that she makes throughout the column, she obviously wants her son to have a good, satisfying life, and undoubtedly wants more for him than simply "survival."

If Bean harbors negative feelings towards men, I hope she does not instill those same feelings in her son, but truly attempts to furnish him with male role models he admires and would want to have an influence on her son.

If her son is deprived of positive male role models, he would be the loser in this scenario.

How would Bean react to a father who wants to rear his daughter without the influence of any woman and have him write the last paragraph of her column, simply changing the words to fit his situation?

"Sure I can't teach her how it feels to be a woman. However, I can teach her how to relate to men. And I can provide all the tools necessary to survive."

Sue Pfeifer
Hays

There was an editorial in the February 6 issue of the University Leader by Laurie Bean that requires a response because she was making a statement that simply is not true.

In her column she replaces the word "woman" with the word "womyn." This is done, according to the author, because having an "a" in "woman" links females to males in a subordinate manner, i.e., it is sexist language.

Even though I applaud her effort to eliminate sexism, I would like to demonstrate why her attempt to accomplish this (for that matter, all politically correct language) is futile. Three illustrations will help.

First, people do not think in words, they think in scheme and concepts. Bean is using what is termed the Sapir-Whorf Theory of language. The premise of this argument is that thought is determined by language. People define something when attempt to find an object to fill this definition. Fortunately, the cognitive scientists have proven otherwise. People have some sort of environmental stimuli then define that stimuli.

For example (to admittedly use a stereotype), Eskimo language has 13 different words for snow while English has but one. Is this because they were bored and

thought of 13 definitions and tried to find snow to fit it? Obviously not, for Eskimo's knowing the different types of snow is crucial for survival, so they differentiate the types of snow and they construct words to communicate this to each other.

A sexist person is sexist due to thought, not words. They may agree to use "womyn" instead of "woman" but if you have not changed their attitude about females, they will begin to associate "womyn" with sexism, and you have only substituted one word for another while leaving the attitudes intact, accomplishing nothing.

Secondly, sexism is the result of a person who holds a morality to which they have not given much consideration. A sexist will most commonly base his ideas on either false stereotypes or assumptions. To stop sexism, education is the solution, not attempting to change the language.

Finally, when contemplating whether or not changing the language will work, much less change attitudes, all one needs to do is ask themselves this simple question: "What ever happened to Esperanto?"

Shawn Pokorski
Haysville senior

SGA president wants support for radio station



LaNette Schmiedler
SGA President

Wow! It is V-Day. Again. You know what I mean. That special day of the year when those of us who have significant others either spend the whole day smiling about those heart shaped boxes of chocolate that we got, or frowning because that special someone forgot that Feb. 14 means we should get a gift.

Then, there are some of

us who actually celebrate the fact that we do not have this significant other to worry about, so we gather a few of our close single friends and trounce off to one of the many other surrounding restaurants or bars to console ourselves, and to convince one another that we love being alone.

Whatever you may be doing or who you may be with this Valentine's Day, let me steal a few of those precious moments to step back for a look at a few of the reasons we have to celebrate at Fort Hays State.

First, our Tigers have really worked hard this season to win, which ultimately enhances FHSU's reputation.

Whatever you may feel about the place of athletics in the university setting, you must nod approval at the outstanding job these players have done. Also, you may be interested in knowing that 172 of our student-athletes received 3.0 GPAs and above last semester, which speaks well of the commitment to academics as well as the athletics.

Next, we can celebrate

the fact that enthusiasm for participating in campus activities has not waned this semester. Mortar Board Senior Honor Society has been busy with its membership drive; Black History Month is being celebrated in various campus events, and the residence halls have recently sponsored a lip sync contest and a dating game. In addition, "Jake's Women" will be playing at Felten-Start Theatre on Feb. 29 through March 3.

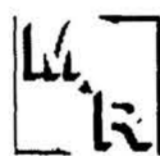
Not only have campus organizations seen hectic days, but we in Student

Government Association are busy as well.

At our last meeting, SGA voted in support or broadcasting the radio station over the airwaves. This dream of on-air radio station had been in the minds of many for at least five years. We have Senators who are working hard to research the details and set a foundation for such a station. But, they need your help and support. This station would not only provide a learning tool for students interested in broadcasting, but it would also serve the needs of FHSU.

Please stop by the SGA office to offer any input about such an idea.

And, as always, if you have concerns or questions, please let us know how we can help! Thanks for your time and enjoy the rest of Valentine's Day!



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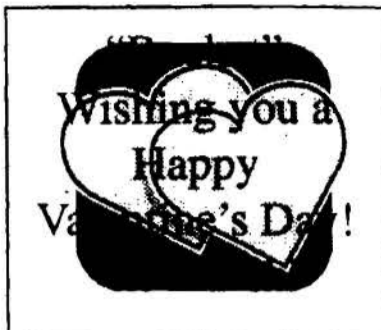
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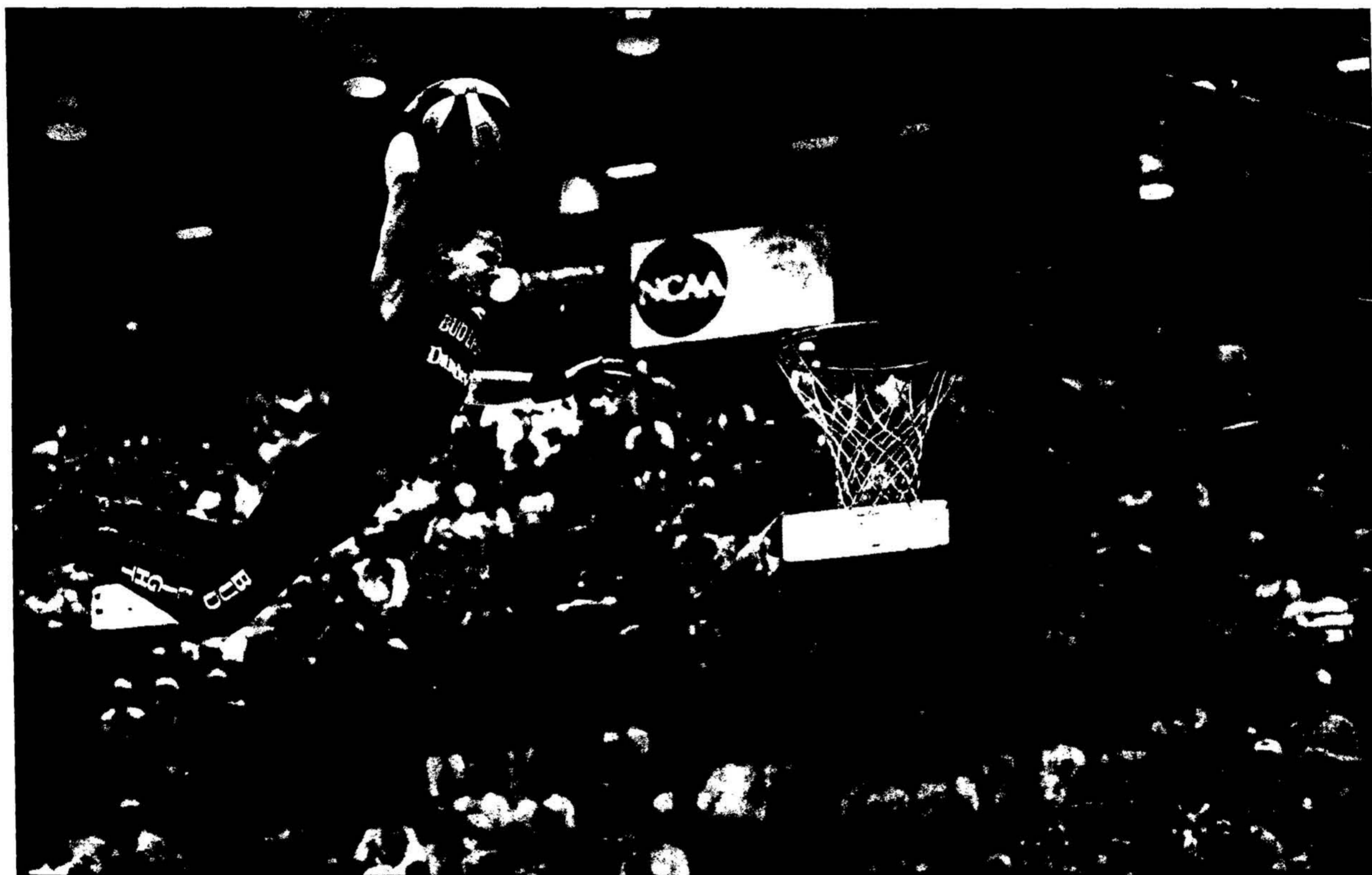
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To the mat

Eddie Woody, Newton junior, tries to keep his opponent from the Colorado School of Mines from returning to his feet in an attempt to pin him and win his weight class.

MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

Tracksters successful at Charlie Foster Invitational

R. C. Smith
Staff Writer

Chantay Brush, McPherson junior, hopped, skipped and jumped her way to a first-place finish and a school record in the triple jump Saturday at the Charlie Foster Invitational at Kearney, Neb.

In addition to winning the triple jump, Brush, placed second in both the long jump and 55-meter hurdles.

Jennifer Nowak, Marion senior, placed third in the 55-meter hurdles. Nowak and Brush both had times of 8.5 seconds.

Other Tigers winning individual titles included Becky Keeler, Gypsum freshman; Jennifer Zabokrtsky, Hanover junior; A. J. Lee, Assaria junior; Greg Lang, Victoria sophomore; and T. J. Trout, Minneapolis junior.

Keeler, who is tied for the national lead in the high jump, cleared 5 feet 6 inches.

Zabokrtsky, who qualified provisionally for the national meet last week at the Kansas Jayhawk Invitational, won the shot put with her toss of 42-6.

Lee outdistanced the competition in the men's 1,000 winning with a

time of 2:32.1.

Lang, who missed the KU meet due to sore shins, jumped 22-10 1/2 to win the long jump. The former Thomas-More Prep star also finished second in the 400.

Winning the mile in 4:22.1, Trout lowered, by seven seconds, his season's best in that event.

Michelle Nichol, Claflin freshman, placed second in the women's 20-pound weight throw. Her toss of 46-2 qualifies her provisionally for the national meet and establishes a new school mark in this first-year event.

Heather DeLong, Russell freshman, placed in two individual events.

DeLong took fourth in the high jump and sprinted to fifth in the 55-meter dash.

Summer Green, Kearney, Neb., freshman, finished second in the women's 1,000 with a time of 3:09.9

Lee Blevins, Palacios, Texas, senior, placed second in the 800. His time of 1:59.2, a second behind the winning time turned in by former Tiger Chris Smith, who now coaches for the Tigers.

Tina Jackson, Phillipsburg junior; Lori Duell, Goodland freshman; Summer Vann, Lakin senior; and Linda Shea, Minneapolis senior, placed third in the women's mile relay with a time of 4:20.6.

Thursday, the team will host the Fort Hays State Invitational at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The field events start at 2:30 p.m. and the running events to follow at 4 p.m.

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On the sidelines with Maynard

Love is in the air and sports are on Maynard's mind



Marc Menard
Sports
Columnist

It's that time of year. Spring is just around the corner, and love is in the air on this Valentine's Day. What's that got to do with sports you might ask? I have often been asked by my female friends why I love sports so much.

This is a love affair that started when I was a kid. No, I am not in need of therapy. I'd like to think I am as well adjusted as any other red-blooded American male who has a certain affection for sports.

As long as I can remember, there has been that, let's say, a certain excitement about sports that made my heart race and palms sweat, like being in love for the first time, well almost.

But, getting back to the question at hand, why do I love sports? I took the same approach that country singer/songwriter Tom T. Hall took several years ago when he sat down and wrote perhaps one of his best known songs, "I Love." Mr. Hall simply wrote about the little things in life he loved the best and the next thing you know he had a hit song.

Here is my list. It will never be a hit song, but this short list of reasons, still invokes that heart pounding fever I remember as a boy when I first "fell in love" with sports.

• **Denver Broncos:** They have been a source of painful agony and great joy, kind of like an old girlfriend.

They haven't given me much reason to cheer in recent years. But my beloved "Donkeys" will always be my team, even if they have lost four Super Bowls.

• **Kansas City Chiefs:** I have to admit, since living in Kansas the past couple of years, I have gained a fondness for the Chiefs, except when they play the Broncos.

• **Kansas City Royals:** This is a relationship I'm still developing. It's hard to tell where it's going, they've made so many changes in the past couple of years. Only time will tell.

• **Kansas Jayhawks basketball:** This is a love affair that started many years ago. I know I'm dating myself a little, but I grew up cheering for Jo Jo White and Dave Robisch. My love is just as strong for the Hawks now during the Jacque Vaughn era as it was back then.

• **Colorado Rockies:** I'm still in the honeymoon stage with this team. I remember what it was like having

minor league baseball for years. It was kind of like dating a nice girl, but waiting for something better to come along. Now we have a playoff contender and a beautiful new stadium.

• **Kansas State football:** Things have gone well the past couple of years. It seems like this relationship is too good to be true and probably is. I'm just wondering when the other shoe will drop.

• **Gale Sayers:** As I mentioned in a previous column, he is my all-time hero. I loved to watch him run. He was pure poetry in motion. Enough said.

• **Julius "Dr. J" Erving:** While I'm on the subject of heroes, here is another one that comes to mind. I saw him play with the New York Nets when they annually whipped the Denver Rockets of the old ABA. He had an electrifying presence on the court I admired. He made the slam dunk an art form and brought the game of basketball to soaring new heights.

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