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### NCAA II Finals

The Tiger men's basketball team to face North Alabama Lions in the first round of the NCAA II finals.

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## Debate team moves up in national ranks

Kari Sparks  
Staff Writer

The Talking Tigers debate team has talked its way into a sixth place national ranking in the Cross Examination Debate Association.

The team of Tim Carroll, Topeka junior, and Brandon Thompson, Hays junior, moved up from their previous ranking of seventh place Eric Krug, director of forensics, said.

The national ranking lists the top 20 debating teams from around the country.

Carroll said the higher ranking reflects the "longer and harder" hours put into practice and research.

"We have to hold more cards against our opponents, to be more prepared for everybody else's case. In debate, dedication and experience is how you win. If you have that you can beat most teams."

"When you compete with the best in the country, it is up for grabs. You have to think of all the little things and have perfect execution," Carroll said.

"It helps that Brandon and I have a similar debating style, and Eric is our coach, one of the best on the circuit."

Krug describes debate as the "best liberal arts education you can get."

"With the tremendous amount of research done you learn something new everyday," Krug said.

Krug attributes the success of his debate team to "talent."

"(Thompson and Carroll) work very hard, 50 to 60 hours a week, doing practice and research, in addition to their classes," Krug said.

"The support from the university has also been excellent. President Hammond increased our budget in order to compete in big tournaments."

Carroll said the topic being debated this year is, "Should the United States change its foreign policy?"

Carroll also teamed up with Indianapolis, Ind., senior, Greg Schnippel at the Junior Varsity Nationals last weekend.

Krug said the Carroll and Schnippel finished the preliminary rounds undefeated, and finished in the final four in the elimination bracket.

"An impressive finish for a young duo," Krug said.

The Talking Tigers will compete next in the CEDA Varsity National in Long Beach, Cal., March 28 through April 2.



MARK BOWERS / University Leader

Special Olympic teams march into Gross Memorial Coliseum during the parade of athletes in the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics last Thursday.

## Volunteers are special too

Debby Werth  
Staff Writer

"Hey, Boss, what's going on?" That's a question Marc Menard expected to answer during the Special Olympics games held at Gross Memorial Coliseum Thursday through Sunday. Menard, Englewood, Colo., senior, anticipated meeting some old friends from Concordia who were participating in the games during Menard's first year as a volunteer for Special Olympics in Hays.

Serving as a volunteer official and scorekeeper, Menard was no stranger to Special Olympics. He became involved in the program in Concordia,

got to know some of the athletes, and admired how they worked so hard at what they did.

Menard was recruited by Roger Bixenman with the Hays Recreation Commission who was coordinating all the officials and scorekeepers. Menard said his interest came from years of working in the area of recreation and having had experience working with special population groups.

"It will be my chance to help this year," Menard said.

Melissa Chaffin, Hays senior, also decided Special Olympics was "a worthwhile cause to help with."

Chaffin, along with other Mortar Board members, helped with the open-

ing ceremonies, lining up Olympians. It was her first time to volunteer.

While Chaffin and Menard were relatively new to Special Olympics in Hays, Billie Conley, Assaria senior, was well-rehearsed. Conley has volunteered for the Olympics for the last 10 years.

"The first time I volunteered, I was hooked," she said.

Conley originally volunteered in Salina. She was 16 years old, and was a referee at the Special Olympics volleyball tournament.

Five years later, she became a coach for the ARC Central Plains team. She serves as coach for all events, including bowling, basketball, track and

cheerleading. She has had the same team all five years.

Conley appreciates the athletes themselves, and that's why she volunteers. She describes them as "very loving individuals who will do anything for you."

"I see them in the grocery store and they will stop and talk to me. They want to make certain that I'll be there (next year). It's a great feeling that they remember you," Conley said.

Menard agreed. He was certain his friends would recognize him.

"They'll say, 'Hey, Boss, what's going on?'"

It's a question Menard's been looking forward to responding to



MARK BOWERS / University Leader

The Fort Hays State cheerleaders lead the Special Olympic teams into Gross Memorial Coliseum Thursday as part of the opening ceremonies.

## International speakers will be at conference on World War I

Rod Smith  
Staff Writer

It's not every day that more than 50 presenters from England, Canada, and all parts of the United States come to the Fort Hays State campus.

But on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, that's exactly what will happen when FHSU hosts a multidisciplinary conference on World War I.

The conference, which is the brainchild of Trout, will explore several facets of the war including literature, visual art, propaganda and military technology.

While the conference was Trout's idea, he has received help from the conference's board of directors, which consists of fellow faculty members Christopher Lovett, assistant profes-

sor of history, Art Morin, assistant professor of political science, and Albert Geritz, professor of English.

Conference sessions will be held in the Memorial Union, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Sessions are an hour and a half long.

Sessions are free, and students and the public are encouraged to attend Lovett said.

While most sessions deal strictly with either literature or history, some purposely blend both Trout said.

FHSU faculty members will moderate many of the sessions and two Paul Basinski, assistant professor of political science, and Warren Shaffer, associate professor of educational administration and counseling, will be presenting papers.

Leonard Smith, from Oberlin College in Ohio, will give the keynote

presentation at 9 a.m. Friday. His recently published book, "Between Mutiny and Disobedience: The Case of the French 5th Division in World War," takes an innovative and provocative look at the Great War Trout said.

Trout said Smith's book, along with others on the war will be available for purchase at the registration table.

Peter Liddle, an international authority on oral history and WWI, will give an after-dinner talk at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Liddle, who is coming from the University of Leeds in England, has used oral testimony to create an archive of the British soldiers' experiences in the war.

Trout said he came up with the idea for the conference after he attended a symposium on WWI in the

fall of 1994.

Initially, he envisioned a moderately-sized, regional conference, but after advertising the conference in a number of academic journals and the Internet, Trout was forced to "go big."

Sunday, as a special side light to the conference, a small group of conference participants will visit Willa Cather's home in Red Cloud, Neb., Trout said.

The group will also visit sites associated with G.P. Cather, a cousin of Cather, who was the first Nebraskan killed in WWI and served as the model for the protagonist in Cather's 1923 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "One of Ours."

For more information about the conference, individuals can contact either Trout (628-4229) or Lovett (628-4671).

Due to Spring Break, there will be no University Leader Friday. The next issue will be April 2.

Student Government will not hold a meeting until Thursday, April 4. On that date, the Allocations bill will be revisited, because it was vetoed by the SGA President.



## Are you hungry for a change, try Student Government Association



LaNette Schmiedler  
SGA President

How many times have you wished something at Fort Hays State would be changed, whether academically or socially? Perhaps it's an issue which affects your personal

life, like the condition of your apartment or residence hall. On the other hand, maybe you strongly believe a class curriculum needs to be changed or an additional class should be offered at FHSU to better prepare you after graduation. Maybe you want to have more input into where your student fee monies go.

So we whine and bicker to our friends and leave it at the

discussion level. But, we still feel a deep-seated need for the change. How can you get someone to hear your voice? How can you affect change on campus and in the community?

While you may be involved enough to know which avenue to take to get your questions answered, one very special opportunity exists for you to make a difference. Seri-

ously consider getting involved in the Student Government Association. To name a few of our accomplishments, we have instituted the Ride, changed the implementation date on the honors requirements at graduation, and took a proactive stance which resulted in continuing to cancel classes on Oktoberfest. We have also arranged for a bus for stu-

dents to travel to Louisville, Ky., to attend the NCAA II Tournament this week.

I know more ideas to enhance this campus and our students exist. To continue to be a force on campus and in the community, SGA needs students who care enough to make a difference.

If you care, if you will have Thursday evenings free next year, if you will be a full-time

student with at least a 2.0 GPA, you're qualified to serve the students through the SGA.

Stop by our office on the first floor of the Memorial Union to pick up an Intent-to-Run form and return it to the office by Friday at 5 p.m. to have your name placed on the ballot. Elections will be April 10 and 11 in the Memorial Union. Take responsibility to change your world.

### In my opinion...

In my career as a student at Fort Hays State, I have heard many opinions on the quality of education available to us. As an education major, I worry about the quality of our public school systems in the United States, therefore, I am learning to be the best teacher I can be.

However, what distresses me more than the possibility of an education lacking because of anything on my part, is reading the insane school regulations being passed around the country.

For example, in Merrimack, New Hampshire, the school district has placed a ban on teachers discussing homosexuality as a part of life and living. They call this policy the "Prohibition of Alternative Lifestyle Instruction."

So, now all the English instructors who were, say, lecturing on Moby Dick or the Glass Menagerie or Walt Whitman and how his homosexuality affected his poetry, must completely revamp their courses.

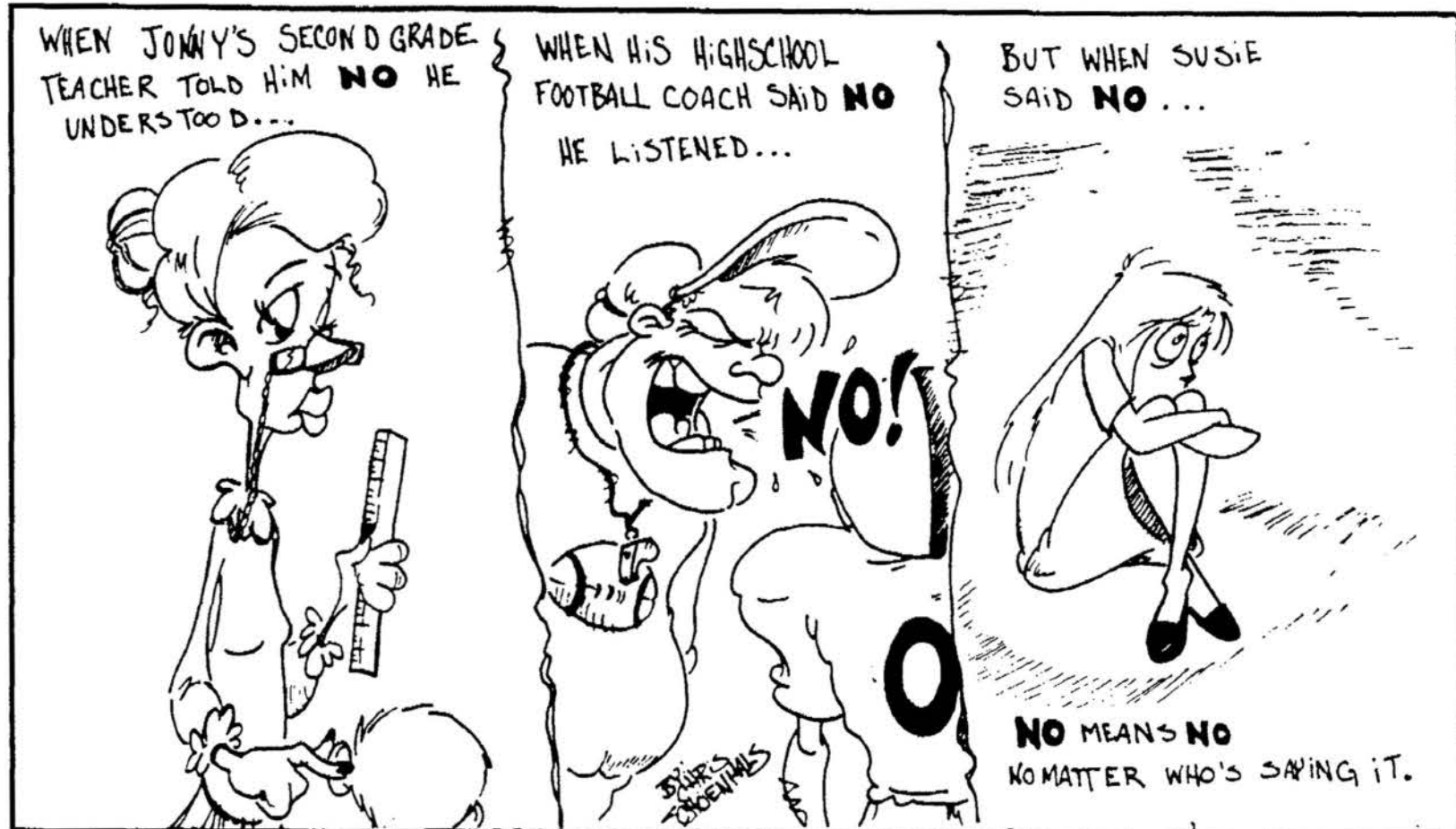
Also included in this ban would be any and all discussion on homosexuals and AIDS, even if used in the context of a statistics section in math class.

As a future teacher, this frightens me. And as a (maybe) future parent, it makes me terribly angry. What are we teaching our youth? Or, more importantly, what aren't we teaching them?

I am learning in my student teaching that not giving enough to students is one of the most dangerous mistakes a teacher can make. This includes giving information, as well as giving the students freedom to think for themselves.

I had teachers who pushed me to the limit and who believed in giving their all to their professions. Someday, I hope to be one of them.

Janella Mildrexler  
Managing Editor



### Questioning the norm

## Campaign issues rated and addressed



Laurie Bean  
Columnist

In my opinion, this does not belong in a list of political issues. Family values should be taught at home and at church. They should not be regulated from the podium of the government. In place of family values, I would

suggest taxes. This should be last on the list, because we need to get our budget and the deficit squared away before we start messing with taxes.

The ninth issue listed on the Internet top 10 list is the environment. I placed this issue two spots higher at No. 7 on my list. We have got to protect this planet, simple as that.

Issue No. 8 on the Internet's list is health care. This I cannot believe considering millions of Americans depend on Medicaid. Affordable health care is a major factor in every household budget. Especially for those who have debilitating illnesses. I place health care at No. 3.

The seventh issue is the deficit. I feel the deficit is the No. 1 issue our nation is facing. This should be No. 1

for two reasons, job security for federal workers, and to clear up a very serious financial problem.

Issue No. 6 from the Internet is abortion. I hate to even mention this topic after the responses to previous columns. I placed abortion as No. 8 on my list.

In place at No. 6 from my list is welfare reform. Notice I printed reform, not abolishment.

No. 5 on Internet's top 10 list is education. You're kidding No. 5! Behind the deficit this should be our No. 1 priority! I placed education at No. 2.

At No. 5 on my list is crime/gun control. Our nation has a serious violence problem. Most of this violence occurs from the use of firearms.

The fourth issue is downsizing government. I agree some changes must be made in how much power our government has. However, I feel there are more pressing issues needing to be addressed. Downsizing the government is No. 9 on my list.

Issue No. 3 from Internet's top 10 is the economy. The economy is a very important issue. Yet I moved it down to No. 4.

No. 2 on the Internet's list is taxes. As I mentioned earlier, I placed this at No. 10.

And the No. 1 issue on both top 10 lists is the budget. I combined the deficit and balancing the budget for our No. 1 priority. Now if only our leaders could come together long enough to settle this issue

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## Reader Feedback

In response to the article "Womyn" sparks reader questions, I think there are some very important rhetorical and sociological questions raised by the article. I have studied both feminist and rhetorical theories at different points in my life, and there are some important things missing in your rather cursory presentation of how language is used in conjunction with oppression and specifically the continuation and promotion of sexism.

You, at several points, qualify your writings with education as key to stopping sexism. In this, you are absolutely correct. However, you temper this by attempting to advocate changing the language we use as a method of this education. The fundamental flaw in your argument is that language does not actually have the power to change reality. Many theorists conclude with this argument, but more important, also many feminists. The reason for this is that sexism is a social and political problem which must be overcome by treating it as such and not discussing it as a language based issue. Mary Ellen Griffith concludes this when she writes that, "the view that language has a control over us [women] invalidates the everyday experiences of women in the world and props up the deterministic view which can be overpowering." This means that if language can indeed oppress then it devalues the actions women can take to stop the true political and social causes of sexism even more. Griffith states, "For feminists to adopt this perspective in order to explain how language silences, alienates and oppresses us is to renounce the feminist thesis that the personal is political, which implies the possibility of conflict, struggle and change." Fundamentally, the advocacy that language is the cause of sexism masks the real problems that are still prevalent in society.

The next point is that generally the word "man" has become neutered in the English language. Most English users do not use the word "mankind" to only refer to the men in the world. Further, the use of the word "woman" by most users is not meant to imply any type of inferiority as your article suggests. The problem, however, with the discussion of the new spelling of "woman" to be "womyn" is that it also violates the idea of sameness within our one race of Homo Sapiens which is the key premise to be accepted to ever overcome

sexism. To try to spell "woman" differently for the sole purpose of making it different from the spelling of "man" merely perpetuates the differences among us rather than promoting the sameness which is key to unity.

Further, the use of language to try to change thoughts (which in your article is where sexism is) is quite simply oppressive. In "1984," George Orwell discussed the thought police who tried to rid people of thought they disliked by not allowing the words to exist which could describe them. The idea that we should not allow words is a scary concept in our world. You say education is the key to changing our mindsets and our thoughts, and I would agree.

Finally, I think you need to think a little more about this issue from the article I read. I say this because I think you violate your own premises. Your premise is that language is powerful and even if one does not mean to be oppressive on can be by using certain words. If this is true, I would hope that whether you are joking or not you would not be so oppressive in your words as to belittle men in general and say women are superior. These words according to your premise would do just as much damage as what you seek to avoid by trying to spell the word women differently.

In conclusion, I believe that sexism is indeed a problem in society. However, I would not say the language we use is either the cause or the solution. I found it difficult to surmise exactly what your beliefs were on these issues from your article, but you do write about the beliefs of Swift and Miller which I felt at least compelled to respond to as certainly not the only nor dominant opinions of this issue in the field as I believe the arguments of Griffith most clearly illustrate. Put simply, the solution to sexism is a personal decision in each one of us and action by women in the world to put forth reforms to this social and political disease.

Tim Carroll  
Topeka sophomore

Editors note: With this, the "womyn" versus "women" debate will end.



## Briefs

### Interview sign-ups

Sign-up schedules for teacher mock interviews are available in the Career Development and Placement Service. The mock interviews will take place April 1. Education majors interested in interviewing with Olathe Public Schools must have their resume turned in to Sheridan 214 by March 22.

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

### Rho Psi

Rho Psi, Fort Hays State's chapter of the English Honorary, Sigma Tau Delta, is now accepting applications. You must be a sophomore who has completed 9 hours of English classes with a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.2 GPA in English courses.

For more information, call Kris Bair at 628-5384.

### Support group

A new group for young single cancer survivors is forming. The first meeting will be 7 p.m. April 2 at the Cancer Council of Ellis County Office Building, 114 W. Seventh.

For more information, call 625-6653.

### Louisville trip

There are still 20 seats available on the bus to Louisville. Costs range from \$135 to \$235 and include tickets, transport and lodging. Contact Travis Crites in the SGA office, 628-5311, before 4:30 today.

### Intent-to-run forms

Intent-to-run forms for president, vice president and senators are due in the Student Government office first floor, Memorial Union by 5 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call the SGA office at 628-5311.

### CASA volunteer

The Court Appointed Special Advocates of the High Plains, Inc., is offering a volunteer training session April 9, 11, 15, 16, and 18.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or needing more information, call 628-8641 or stop by the office at 103 W. 13th for an application.

### Campus Brown Bag

The Campus Brown Bag A.A. group will meet at noon Tuesday in Picken 311D and 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Picken third floor conference room.

For more information, call Beth Kufner at 628-4330.



Marc Menard  
Columnist

They say there is a method to this Madness, but if there is, I certainly haven't discovered it yet.

After this past weekend's first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, the predictions I made on my tournament bracket look like chicken scratches as I crossed out each of my teams.

Hey, don't laugh. I'm sure there are many armchair hoopheads out there whose tournament predictions fared no better than mine.

It was hard enough figuring out where some of these teams are from. After all, who has heard of Drexel or

## On the sidelines with Maynard

Canisius? They sounded more like an old car or a religious order.

Wasn't it great to see the Princeton Tigers pull off the upset on a last second backdoor layup against the defending national champion, UCLA Bruins? One more great victory for a great coach. He has been in relative obscurity coaching in the Ivy League all these years, but, for the last weekend of his coaching career, he was certainly noticed.

Also making an early exit from this year's tournament was the tem-

perant prince-of-a-guy, Indiana's Bobby Knight. Yes, the same guy who has been known to hurl chairs across court and abuse officials and reporters with the same kind of reckless abandon. This year, Knight has been relegated to packing up his folding chair and going home.

Sadly, Gene Keady and his Purdue Boilermakers also left early. Keady, who led the Boilermakers to a 25-5 record, and the Big Ten championship was the sentimental favorite. He enjoyed a successful season on the court while experiencing personal adversity at home.

Well, after the first weekend of March Madness, it is down to the Sweet Sixteen. The tournament selection committee must be proud. Three of the four No. 1 and No. 3 seeds survived the first weekend, as did all the No. 2 seeds.

In fact, the lowest seed making it to the Sweet Sixteen, No. 12 Arkansas, is really not that much of a stretch. If memory serves me correctly, Arkansas was the national champion just two years ago and made a repeat appearance in last year's title game,

losing to UCLA.

Making an appearance at this year's Sweet Sixteen are such usual names from the coaching fraternity as: Denny Crum, John Thompson and Roy Williams. Also in, are marquee names like: Ray Allen, Connecticut.

I will go out on a limb now and predict that UMass, Connecticut, Kentucky and Kansas will make it to the Final Four. I for one, would certainly love to see the Jayhawks win another title. Eight years is long enough to wait between titles.

The Southwestern Conference, traditionally well known as a football conference, may have a sleeper here in the Red Raiders. Just ask the North Carolina Tar Heels, who lost by a convincing 19 points as Tech muscled their way past the Heels. If a lopsided margin wasn't enough, the monster dunk by Tech's Darvin Ham that shattered a backboard should be warning enough to stand out of the way.

As I head home to Denver for vacation, there are only two things I hope for: 1. that I might be fortunate enough to score some tickets to the West Regional so I can watch the Jayhawks win, and 2. see if I can't find someone who knows exactly what a Hoya is.



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Application forms are available in the President's Office, Sheridan Hall 312, for membership in this prestigious service organization.

Fifteen minute interviews will be individually scheduled for the afternoon and evening of April 15th & 16th.  
**Deadline for application is April 8th at 4:30 p.m.**



## Tigers to face North Alabama in NCAA first round

Marc Menard  
Staff Writer

It's on to Louisville, as the Fort Hays State Tigers prepare to take on North Alabama in the first round of the NCAA Division II Elite Eight tomorrow.

The Tigers, sporting an unblemished 31-0 record going into the national tournament, are, as always, focusing one game at a time.

"That's what we've done all year. We practice one day at a time and take each game one at a time," Head Coach Gary Garner said.

For the Tigers, it is the first time ever to the Elite Eight, and they hope to make it a memorable one that ends with a championship Saturday afternoon.

But first, the Tigers must stop the North Alabama Lions (24-7) and their sensational shooting point guard Corey Williams. Williams, a junior transfer from Odessa Junior College in Texas, averages almost 19 points

and five assists per game, and, according to Garner, he is the real deal.

"He is without a doubt, the best guard we've seen this year. He is extremely quick, handles the ball well and shoots the three. He could play at any Division I school, he's that good," Garner said.

Like last week when the Tigers had to contend with the shooting talent of Jason Sempstrott and Jermaine Showers of South Dakota State, the Lions also have a formidable duo in Williams and his backcourt mate, Desmond Greer, the third leading scorer for the Lions. Greer, is also a transfer from Odessa Junior College.

The Tigers, advanced to the Elite Eight after capturing the North Central Regional championship against South Dakota State, 99-90, in a finale played at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

After playing in one of the most physical games all year against South Dakota State, the Tigers feel ready to take on the field at Louisville.

"That was really a physical game.

The intensity was really up, and both teams were ready to play," Garner said.

According to Garner, the first game in the national tournament should be a challenge from an emotional standpoint, but if the Tigers can survive the first round, he likes their chances of reaching the finals.

"The first round is always tough. It is a very emotional game; the players and fans are excited. Hopefully, we can get past that first one, then settle down and just play," Garner said.

The Tigers indeed are ready to play, and with their No. 1 ranking and undefeated record, they may be the team to beat, but to Garner and his players that status doesn't add any extra pressure going into the tournament.

"Certainly, since we are No. 1 and undefeated, we may be the team to beat. But we don't feel anymore pressure than anybody else," Garner said.

The Tigers, as usual, are taking a

very business-like approach to the Elite Eight with only three more games to go for their first NCAA Division II national championship.

"They have been very business like all year, and for that, I'm very proud of this team," Garner said.

"I think we are peaking at the right time; we're definitely playing our best basketball right now."

This is the week Tiger fans have waited for, and for those unable to make the trip to Louisville, the 2 p.m. tomorrow game will be broadcast by local radio station KAYS (1400 AM) beginning at 1:35 p.m. The game will also be televised on the local CBS affiliate KBSH, Hays cable channel 10.

If the Tigers win the first round, the semifinals will also be carried by KBSH with tipoff scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

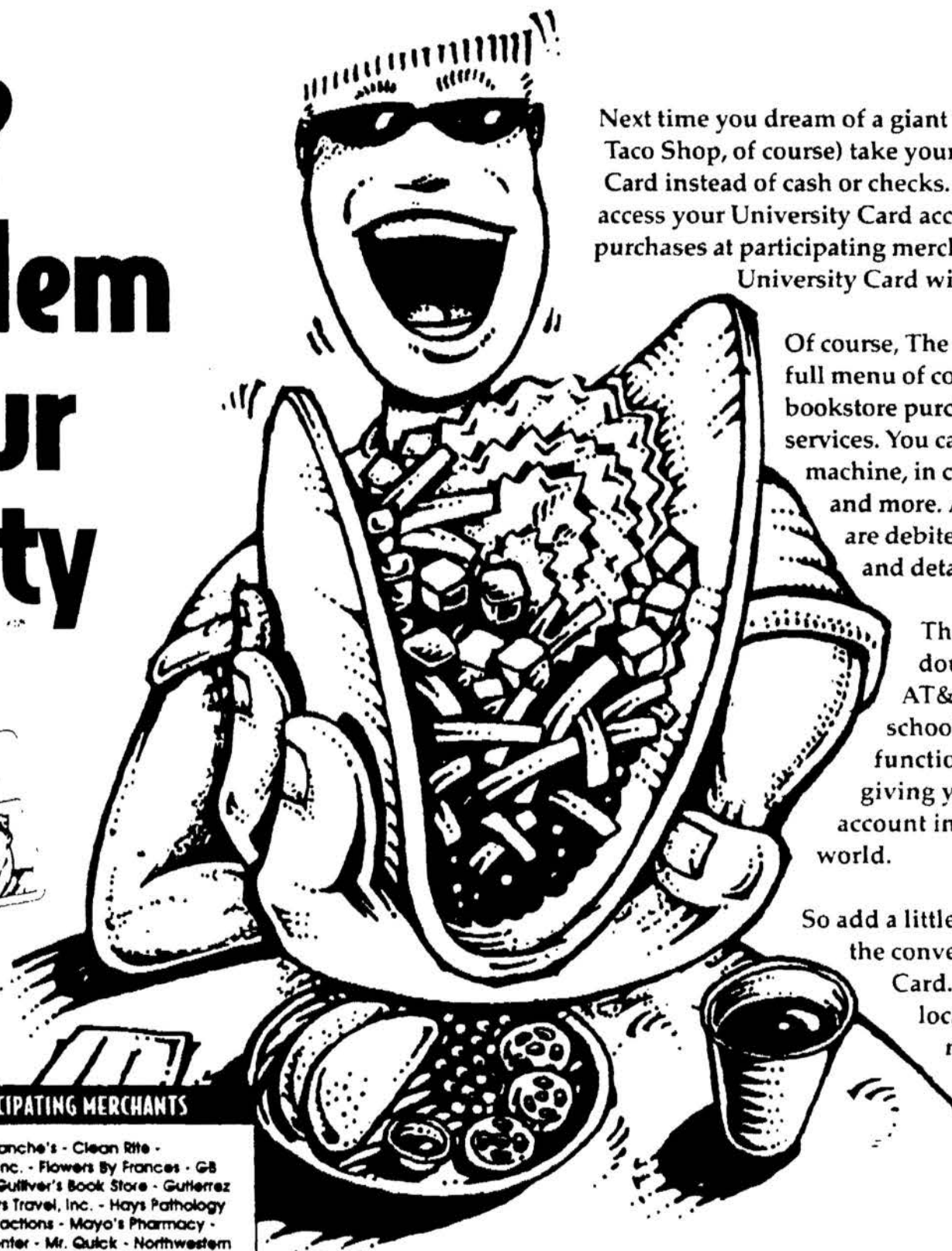
The finals of the NCAA Division II tournament will be broadcast nationally on CBS-TV beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

## The Elite 8 - Louisville, Kentucky

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| Wednesday, Noon               |                 |               |  |  |
| Alabama A&M (27-2)            |                 |               |  |  |
| Fort Hays State (31-0)        | Thursday 6 p.m. |               |  |  |
| Wednesday, 2 p.m.             |                 |               |  |  |
| North Alabama (24-7)          |                 |               |  |  |
| St. Rose (NY) (25-3)          |                 | Saturday Noon |  | 1996 NCAA Division II National Champions |
| Wednesday, 6 p.m.             |                 |               |  |  |
| Virginia Union (27-2)         |                 |               |  |  |
| Cal. State-Bakersfield (26-3) | Thursday 8 p.m. |               |  |  |
| Wednesday, 8 p.m.             |                 |               |  |  |
| Northern Kentucky (23-6)      |                 |               |  |  |

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