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Spring arrives

Spring has arrived and people are using the warmer weather to do maintenance on their residences.



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Expressing an artistic vision

Buenaventura Durnti, Oakland, Calif. graduate student, works on a sculpture in the ceramics room of Rarick Hall yesterday

Placement center here to help

Brandi Wilhelm Staff Writer

Are you a soon to be graduating senior who needs help finding that perfect job? If so, it's not too late. The Career Development and Placement

Service can help. They ofter a wide range of services to all students, from mock interviews and resume workshops to career counseling and on-campus interviewing. They also have a resource library available.

Dan Rice, director of the Career Development and Placement Service, said. "We try to help students develop lifetime job search skills." So how does this all work?

The Placement Center, along with the Kelly Center's counseling services, provides students with a four-year ca-

The first couple of years are designed to let students explore their interests.

Rice explains that it "helps freshman and sophomores gain direction and guidance, so that they have some focus on their career direction."

"When they become juniors, students are then encouraged to apply for sum-

major and the career they are consider-

Finally, as a senior, students begin their job search. "The job search may be to go to graduate school, or it may students to start early as freshmen and sophomores to get the necessary groundwork completed.

He suggests that students follow the four-year career plan to "prepare be to find a job within their career for life after Fort Hays before their

Our services are lifetime services for our graduates and alumni.

Dan Rice, director Career Development and Placement Service

area," Rice said.

During this time, the student will also complete a credential file.

After completing this, the placement center can work one on one with students to tailor their job search write resumes and letters of application, and also introducing them to helpful re-

He encourages students who are interested to register with the Career Development and Placement Service at least two semesters before they

But, if you are a senior, and have not registered yet, it's not too late "It's never too late to register with

mer jobs or internships related to their Rice feels it is very important for the Career Development and Placement office." Rice said. "Our services are lifetime services for our graduates and alumni

> However, he does add that by taking advantage of the four-year plan. you will get a lot more value from it than if you waited until your senior

When you register with the place-

ment office, vou're given a packet which contains a registration page, university course sheet, practice worksheet. a records release authorization sheet, a referral card and recommendation In addition to the many services

they provide, the Career Development and Placement Service is also sponsoring the 21st annual Teacher Career Fair on April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum

The fair is expected to bring in 140 school administrators from Colorado. Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Texas

This will provide a cost effective opportunity for both candidates and

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Stressful times ahead for Fort Hays students

Khanittha Jeamthavorn Staff Writer

Stress! With finals fast approaching how do students cope with stress? Some people may pig out on chocolate, watch hours of "All My Children," or stand on their heads in the corner of their rooms.

How about you? What will you

Stephanie Berning, Dodge City sophomore, says she copes with stress

that I have high stress on the job, a lot of meetings and a lot of test. I feel stress all the time. The best way to cope with stress for me is to take study breaks, hang out with friends, or go roller blading." Berning said.

Another student, Yanee Srimeechai, Bangkok, Thailand, graduate student, said she always feels stress before a test.

"Icope with the stress by watching TV, listening to music, or eating. The main reason that I always feel stress before the test is that I did not have enough time to prepare for the test," Yanee said. She said the best way to cope with stress is to study early and to prepare well.

taking three classes and is already starting to prepare for final exams.

"If I feel stressed during the exam, I take a deep breath, close my eyes, and tell myself 'Do the best you can,"

Yanee said. Brian I. Williams-Rice, Kelly Center staff psychologist and assistant professor of psychology, said during the last few weeks of the semester,

students should start studying. Students need to make sure they have enough rest and are eating properly. Many times when people are "The reason that I feel stressed is stressed, they forget to do some basic

things. Williams-Rice said. He also said some other ways to cope with stress with finals approaching are relaxation, taking a break to enjoy the weather and not to feel so overwhelmed.

If you feel stress during an exam, take a deep breath, calm down and concentrate on the information on the exam, Williams-Rice said.

In preparing for exams, he said students should manage their time so they can study for each of their classes.

Now is a good time to start studying for exams. You become more familiar with the material and won't be so overwhelmed. Also, it is not as uncomfortable as standing on your "Well you are ready for the test, head and is less fattening than stuffyou will not feel stress." She is now ing your face with chocolate.

Six retiring faculty members to be honored at reception

Denise Augustine

Staff Writer A wooden cowboy sits on Glenn

Ginther's desk. Ginther, associate professor of technology studies, has been whittling on the cowboy, but it is not quite finished. Hopefully he will soon have time to finish it.

Ginther is one of six retiring Fort Hays State faculty members who will be honored during a reception Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union.

Ginther, who has been teaching at FHSU for 30 years, has taught a variety of classes ranging from carpentry to

wood-working to upholstery. Wood-working, however, is his favorite because he "gets to help build things with the students.

The whole teaching tenure has been great because of the students I've associated with. The parents do a great job of bringing these kids up," Ginther

After he retires, Ginther plans to build some things for his wife and sons since he has a shop in his garage.

He would also like to devote some time to his hobby of whittling and do some traveling, perhaps to the Grand Canyon and Colorado.

Another retiring faculty member being honored is Ila Hulett, instructor of chemistry.

When Hulett began teaching at FHSU 33 years ago, the environment was not entirely new to her. Hulett is an FHSU alumna.

She has taught a variety of chemistry classes ranging from general education classes to lab teaching techniques classes to chemistry labs.

"I enjoy seeing my students, especially student assistants, achieve their goals and accomplish the things they want to do," Hulett said.

After she retires, Hulett plans to do some traveling with her husband.

She would like to visit some friends in Australia, England and Canada. Hulett and her husband would also like to take a trip to New Zealand.

Hulett also enjoys sewing, reading, gardening and hiking and hopes to have time for those things in the future.

When Hulett finishes teaching in the spring, she won't be leaving FHSU entirely.

She would like to be able to spend some time helping out with things in the department.

Lewis Miller, professor of music, is another faculty member being honored. Miller has been teaching at FHSU for 30 years and in those years he has taught music theory, music history and

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'Derby Days' raises money for children and Sternberg Museum

Kari Sparks Staff Writer

Fort Hays State Sigma Chi fraternity members ran through campus in derby hats while 17 sorority members from Alpha Gamma Delta stuffed them-

selves into a car last week These "fun" activities were all part of the Sig's annual fund-raiser, "Derby Dave." Cases Woods, Derby Dave chairperson, said

Derby Davs is a yearly event which raises money for the Children's Miracle Network." Woods said

This year we also raised money for Sternberg Museum

Woods said the week long event raised \$870 for Children's Miracle

"(Sigma Chi) raised the money through Derby Days with the sorori-

ties, Delta Zeta, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma, with fun events. recycling programs, donations and a Southwestern Bell fund-raiser."

Woods said the Sig's called the community to sell "calling plans" The money raised through South

western Bell will be split in half hetween Children's Miracle Network and Sternberg Museum The amount raised will not be known for "a couple of weeks" when

Southwestern Bell Woods said Woods said the Alpha Gam's won the "Pack the Car" event, in which the sororities had five minutes to pack as many members into a Mus tang as possible. Alpha Gam's won

Sigma Chi receives a check from

with 17 members in one car. According to Woods, the DZ's raised the most money, \$300, with

their aluminum can recycling fund-

Woods said, the DZ's also raised \$120 dollars in change. The sorority went to the dormitories asking for spare change

"We counted pennies forever." Winneds said

Other events included a three on three basketball tournament and "Make a Sig Smile." in which Greeks donated a quarter each time a memher was made to smile

According to Woods, Children's Miracle Network helps children and families cover the medical costs of children afflicted with senous illness

Wonds said the money is also used for the research of treatments and cures for diseases, as well as counseling for the families and to "just help make life better," Woods said



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Getting ready

Brandi Gabel, St. Francis junior, and Julie Smith, Smith Center junior, strap up their in-line skates prior to an afternoon skate yesterday on Park Street.

Questioning the norm

Why is the most common reaction violence?



Laurie Bean Columnist

ago in March, I took a trip to Wichita with my younger step-sister. We were visiting a friend who lives only blocks away from Wichita State Univer-

sity when the

threat of gunfire caught us more than a little off guard.

A group of five children, approximately 12 to 15 years of age, exchanged words with another group of 20-year-old males. As the tion. No shots were fired. circumstances heated up, the younger group pulled guns from duffel bags they carried.

We could hear the ominous clicking as the weapons were cocked, ready to fire. I assumed with this threat the older males would back down. Instead they reacted by showing they also carried, and were prepared to use, larger guns.

the grass only yards from the situation. Relief washed over us when the incident ended in a confronta-

I find this kind of violence extremely hard to comprehend. I can remember when I was in grade school, there was one girl with whom I could not get along.

Whenever we got angry with each other, our confrontation ended with a lot of pulled hair, scratched faces and possibly a bruise.

I can't remember either of us We held our breath as we lay on ever picking up even as much as a MAK-90. It's an automatic...I'd in a child's daily life.

stick to use against the other.

that I grew up in the 70s and 80s instead of the 90s. Or maybe we bones." were just "pansies" who shied away from violence.

I read an article in Rolling Stone magazine ("HyperViolence," Dec. 1, 1994) in which the writer, Lewis Cole, talked to young kids who were involved in gang activities. One 12-year-old boy, not yet in a gang, stated his desires in life:

like a bullet with a hollow point so It makes me feel greatly relieved if you shoot someone, it will ricochet around in them, off all the to feel comfortable with a weapon

> What inspires a 12-year-old to hope to one day own something so destructive? To know the annihilation involved and apparently show no regard for its effects?

I can't understand this boy's wishes, partly because I haven't experienced this boy's life. But there is something dreadfully wrong "I want all kinds of things...A when society instills these dreams

There is something dreadfully wrong when society wants its people capable of massive destruction.

It's hard enough for me to feel safe in today's world, where people avoid looking each other in the eye or making a hand signal that can be misconstrued as a gang sign.

I can only begin to imagine the pressure a child growing up in our violent world must endure.

But carrying a weapon won't make me feel any more capable of protecting my child than I feel now.

In my opinion...

Is there anyone here on this campus that knows how to drive?

You know, those people that are not sure what that wide pedal on the left is, or those new cars that no longer have turn signals. These two things seem to be a real problem around here. Either no one has them, or they do not work.

Last fall a stop sign was place at the intersection near Jellison Bridge. This was done because there had been several accidents involving pedestrian there during the past few years. This was a great idea, but I have yet to see a person stop at that sign, except when there is a person standing there in front of them. What is the point of even having a stop sign when there is no enforcement of it?

Another trouble spot is the three-way intersection in front of Malloy Hall. There is always someone that thinks the stop sign does not apply to them. Therefore, the people who have the right-of-way hold up traffic so the person who should have stopped in the first place can go.

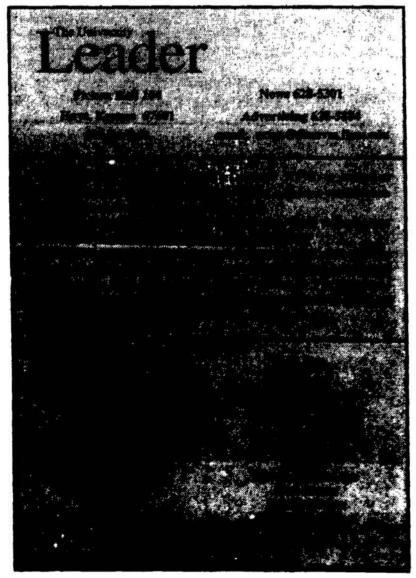
Also, the next time you get in your car, look down. There on the left side of the steering column is a little lever. If you push it up, people around you will know you are getting ready to turn right. If you push it down, you will get the opposite effect.

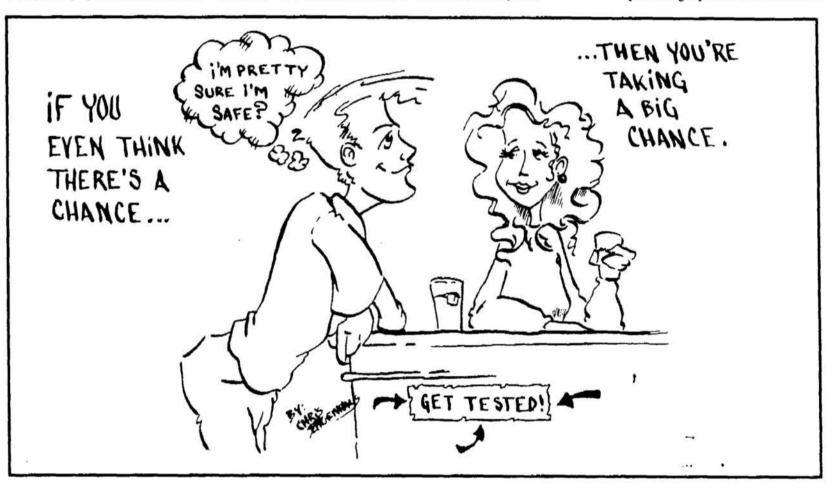
Overall, people need to learn the common courtesy it takes to drive effectively. Everybody gets angry when someone pulls out in front of them.

What most people do not realize is that, somewhere down the road, they do the same thing to someone else.

The Golden Rule comes to mind. "Do unto others as you would have done to you."

Matthew Shepker Editor-in-chief





Majority leader has a rough week

David Espo AP Writer

Democratic Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut could scarcely contain his pleasure. "Not a good week" for Bob Dole, he said with a slight smile, shortly after the majority leader had suffered a setback on the Senate

"It's all self-inflicted stuff," he said of the man who will run against President Clinton this fall. "I can't orchestrate it if I tried."

What prompted Dodd's partisan cheer was a Senate vote to reject medical savings accounts in health reform legislation. Despite unusual efforts to prevail-Dole kept the roll call running far longer than customary in the search for converts—the proposal was rejected 52-46 when five Republicans sided with the Democrats. Such defeats are unusual for any majority leader in the Senate, much less one who is running for president.

Nor was that the only difficulty Dole confronted last week as he pursued his candidacy from the well of

Democrats had him on the defensive on the minimum wage with their persistent demands for a vote on the subject, while he searched for a way out. His predicament wasn't improved when 20 moderate House Republicans bolted ranks and announced sup-

port for a increase that was a nickel an political obituary was premature. hour more generous than the one backed by Clinton and the Demo-

To be sure, Dole was not without achievements to point to.

He shepherded anti-terrorism legislation to passage, including a provision that Republicans have sought for years to curtail appeals by death-row

He set in motion a potentially embarrassing committee probe into reported White House acquiescence to secret arms sales from Iran to the Bosnian Muslims

And he inserted provisions into the health bill to sweeten tax breaks for the self-employed who purchase health insurance and create tax benefits for long-term care.

'The bottom line is that it will benefit hundreds of thousands and hopefully millions of Americans who don't have that extra coverage now." he said of the measure that will pass on Tuesday

And he has an extraordinary capacity for recovery

A year ago, for example, on the morning after a stinging setback on a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget. Dole presided at a news conference where Sen. Ben. Nighthorse Campbell made a surprising switch to the Republican Party. With a smile, Dole observed that his

events underscores the difficulties Dole confronts as he runs for president while trying to maintain control over the legislative agenda and polish his credentials as a leader.

It's difficult to prevent defections from the GOP ranks, noted Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla. And it's tough to prevail with a 53-47 majority "when the Democrats are going to (vote in)

Democrats, he added, "are trying to play politics. They want to hurt the leader any way they can. I think they like him a lot. They just don't want him to get elected.

The minimum wage aside. Democrats are ready with several other issues as they try to force their own agenda on the Senate floor, rather than Dole's prescription of a balanced budget, tax cuts, spending cuts, welfare reform and other issues. Next week, they're expected to tout legislation to expand access to pensions. and a measure to deny tax breaks for factories moved overseas.

Dodd says Dole's strategy of try ing to be a legislative leader and presidential candidate at the same time is

He quoted Yogi Berra's malapropism, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it," and said that's what Dole has

Privately, some Republicans Still, the up and down nature of grumble that Dole is not being forceful enough with the Democrats. "I'm not a happy camper," one Republican said, speaking on condition of ano-

> But Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said that ultimately it's the Democrats who will have to vote on Dole's agenda. "Bob Dole can show it was the Democrats that blocked it," he said. "When you get into the real campaign ... forcing votes on the minimum wage isn't going to mean much."

> And Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., a longtime ally of Dole, says the majority leader is in his element, and talk of Dole having tochoose between being a candidate and a legislative leader is wrongheaded.

> "The nation's business will get done," he said, and Dole also will use his power to highlight the differences between Republicans and Democrats for the voters to see.

"Everybody will vote 'em up or down," he said of the range of issues on the docket for the next several

There won't be anybody hiding under the carpet when we're done on Oct 4 There won't be any place to

EDITOR'S NOTE: David Espo is AP's chief congressional correspon-

Editor believes parents should become more supportive

Fred Hunt Photo Editor

As I get older, more and more of my friends and old high school classmates are beginning to start families It has started me thinking about what kind of parent I might be someday

I have begun observing the relationships between my friends and their families so that I might learn what makes a good parent.

This practice has taught me far more than I expected. What it taught me was that parents should have unconditional love for their children and

accept them for who they are

I have seen a father threaten to kick his son out of the house because he wants to be a musician and his father doesn't believe that it is a "suitable" profession.

In another instance, a mother refuses to let her daughter attend an art institute because she doesn't want her daughter to associate with liberals and homosexuals

I have also seen a mother refuse to speak to her son because he dyed his

I realize these parents still love their children, but they are not showing it.

In each of these cases. I have seen how hurt, frustrated and betrayed the children felt over these situations.

My observations have really taught me to appreciate and respect the way my mother raised me. She has not always enjoyed my hair color or some of the decisions and choices I have made. However, she has never discouraged me in anything I have chosen to do She has always told me she would support me any decision even if she didn't agree with it. My mother helieves it is my life, and I have to live

The book "The Prophet" by Kahlil

Gibran states what I believe parenting is all about. "Your children are not YOUR children They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. Though they are with you they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have thoughts of their own You may house their hodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you can not visit even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with

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"The students have been fine folks

After he retires, Stansbury and his

to work with. Of course, the peer rela-

tionships from the faculty standpoint

wife would like to travel. He would

also like to spend some time golfing.

bicycling, walking, reading novels and

stuff. I've been a member of the Lions

who will be honored at the reception

are Charles Votaw, professor of math-

ematics and computer science, and

Dean Willard, professor of library sci-

they will have time to finish projects

that have been put on hold during

school, and Glenn Ginther will finally

After these faculty members retire.

"I'll probably be doing volunteer

The other retiring faculty members

fixing things up around the house.

club for 38 years," he said.

are also important," Stansbury said.

Briefs

Alpha Kappa Psi

There will be an Alpha Kappa Psi meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Black and Gold room in the Memorial Union.

For more information, call Joel Hemp at 628-6923. .

SPURS

There will be a SPURS meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Sunflower Theatre in the Memorial Union.

For more information, call the Becky Wright at 628-3886.

Reception

There will be a farewell reception for Chris Lovett at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Protestant Campus Cen-

For more information, call Chad Fuller at 628-2989.

Worlds Together

Worlds Together is having a barbecue followed by some activities at 5 p.m. Sunday at Frontier Park on the east side of the walking bridge.

For more information, call Johan Agebrand at 628-4733.

S.U.R.F.

Custer and McGrath Halls are sponsoring the Second Unforgettable Return of Frogem. This is their second annual spring thing. This event will feature The Velcro Wall, a Jell-O Dive, hockey and volleyball tournaments, a tug-ofwar, live music and a barbecue. It will take place at 3 p.m. Friday in back of Custer Hall.

For more information, call Lanee at 628-5631.

Campus Brown Bag

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

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



MARK BOWERS / University Leader

Brick improvement

Dave and James Hagen, Hays, owners of Paintex Improvements, 2923 Willow, acidize the brick foundation of a house on Sixth Street to make the foundation look like new.

jazz classes.

Miller has also composed many works, including orchestral works, concertos, choral music and chamber works for various instruments.

Miller also wrote two operas while at FHSU that were performed here: "The Imaginary Invalid" in 1970 and "Letters From Spain" in 1980.

After he retires, Miller and his wife plan to move to Albuquerque, N. M., where they already have a house. He will also continue composing works.

Another retiring faculty member to be honored at the reception is James Stansbury, professor of educational administration and counseling, who has taught at FHSU for the past 30 years.

For the past four years, he has taught the graduate program in counselor education. The other 26 years were spent teaching human growth and development at the undergraduate level.

employers to meet.

Although job opportunities will be available in almost all teaching fields, the highest demands are in industrial technology, math, science, music, foreign language, counseling, special edu-

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have time to finish his cowboy.

Pre-registration for the fair is not required. A \$10 registration fee for non-FHSU graduates is payable at the door. For a Teacher Career Fair brochure, or to register for the other services provided, contact the placement office at 628-4260.

Pilot award nominees announced, honor to be given at graduation

Voraluk Sirivallop Staff Writer

Members of the senior class at Fort Hays State have nominated 20 instructors for the 1996 Pilot Award, given annually by the FHSU Alumni Association.

The award recognizes an outstanding faculty member on the basis of professional excellence, high standards of personal conduct and commitment to good teaching. The winner will be announced at the FHSU commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on May 11.

The awrad will be presented in Gross Memorial Coliseum by FHSU

President Edward Hammond and Pam Havice, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The selection committee is made up of seven people, including three senior students, Cassie Augustine, Hays, Marthann Schulte, Victoria, and Mike Turner, Dodge City; and four faculty members, Michelle Hull Knowles, assistant professor of nursing, Mark Bannister, executive assistant to the president, Jim Lee, assistant professor of economics and finance, and Lisa Karlin, assistant alumni director.

Every year one female and one male faculty member is selected. Senior students select a teacher who has

been influential to them during their the end of April," Karlin said. years at FHSU.

According to Lisa Karlin, chair of the Pilot Award committee, there are criteria for the selection process.

"We base it on their excellence in the classroom, on their research, on their participation in either campus activities or civic activities and the fourth quickline is participation and professional organization.

They submit materials and we look at all the materials and then we make our selection based on that

"Nominations were made starting in January. The committee received all nominations and met for the first time in March and will meet again at

cation and bilingual positions.

Seniors fill out a form on which they write down the name of the teacher they want to nominate. Then the selection committee looks at the names of all teachers nominated, and selects from there.

Nominees include the following: Keith Campbell, professor of sociology and social work; Gary Hulett, professor of biological science and allied health; Michael Jilg, professor of art; Robert Luehrs, professor of history; Merlene Lyman, professor of art and technology studies.

Robert Meier, professor of computer and information systems; Dan Rupp, professor economics and fi-

nance; Jean-Maire Salien, professor of modern languages, and Joseph Thomasson, professor biological sciences and allied health.

Also nominated are Eileen Deges Curl, associate professor of nursing; Carolyn Gatschet, associate professor of nursing; Marilyn Maier, associate professor of nursing: Mahboub Hashem, associate professor of communication; Claire Matthews, associate porfessor of communication dis-

Dale McKemey, associate professor of business administration; Jim Rucker, associate professor of computer and information systems; Brent Spaulding, associate professor of agriculture; Chris Crawford, assistant professor of communication; Rager Moore, assistant professor of music, and Leland Powers, assistant professor of art.

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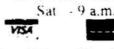
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Marc Menard Sports Columnist

thousands of athletes will gather to participate in the Olympic Games. This worldly event attracts athletes from various corners of the globe who have

This summer

in Atlanta, Ga.,

trained long and hard for many months to participate in this special event.

But did you know there is another "Olympic Games" being held this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah? It is an event, perhaps, not on the same level as the internationally flavored Summer Games, but it is an event which has great importance to those

In the Sidelines with Maynard

who participate. I am speaking of the U. S. Transplant Games, an "olympic" style event that draws people from all corners of the United States.

Like the Olympics, participants come from all races and walks of life. Short and tall. Young and old. Rich and poor. They all have one thing in common; they are recipients of lifesaving organ transplants. The games have a special meaning to the participants, and more importantly, they deliver the importance of organ donation in saving lives.

These games have a special meaning for me too. You see, I am a twotime kidney transplant recipient.

Sports, as many of my readers can

guess, have always been a way of life 12 years ago as statewide competifor me. From the time I was old enough to play catch with my dad in the backyard, it was, indeed, a way of

But, at the age of 19 my life changed forever when I was diagnosed with kidney failure requiring dialysis treatments 15 hours a week. My illness robbed me of the physical strength to participate in the sports I so enjoyed. Just climbing a flight of stairs became a task of great difficulty.

But, thanks to the kind and unselfish love of two donor families who will always remain anonymous to me. I have my life back.

The U. S Transplant Games started

tions in Texas and California, but in 1990, the games grew to a national level when the first U. S. Transplant Games were held in Indianapolis.

Today, the games continue to grow in participation, according to Ray Gabel, team captain of Team Mo-Kan, which will participate in this summer's games in Salt Lake City. The U.S. games are now held in even numbered years. But that's not all. The winter games, introduced in 1995, are scheduled for every odd-numbered year. The games have also gone international, with summer games in the odd years and winter games in the

"It is really wonderful to see the number of people at the games who are making the most of their second opportunity at life," Gabel said.

Gabel, who suffered from a virus called cardiomyopathy, received his new heart, most appropriately, on Valentine's Day, 1991, and continues to do quiet well with his transplant. So much so, that he completed his bachelor's degree in communication and uses his degree to help educate others to the benifits of organ dona-

While the world is preparing for the Olympic Games, transplant recipients here in America are aiming for Salt Lake City. Currently, Team

Mo-Kan is raising money to help send transplant athletes to Salt Lake City. Donations can be sent to: The National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri, 1900 W. 47th Place, #310, Westwood, Kansas 66205, in care of Kristin Farney, Communication Director.

Without the kindness of the family of a woman in Colorado Springs, who died in a traffic accident or the man who died on the operating table two days before Christmas, I, mysel,f might not ever have known the true gift of life.

Note: This column is dedicated to the memory of Erma Bombeck. She brought joy to many readers of her syndicated column with her sense of humor. Bombeck died yesterday of complications from a kidney transplant she received two months ago.

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