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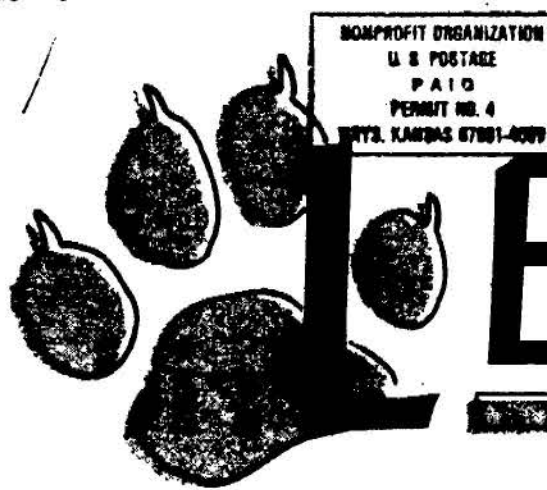
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Fort Hays State launches new recycling program

Debby Werth
Staff Writer

Over the next three months, Fort Hays State will implement a paper recycling program.

According to Bill Deeds, environmental and safety officer, the program is a "point source recycling program," which means containers for recyclables will be provided at the consumer level. Blue containers will be located in each building on campus and labeled with what type of paper should be placed in it. Containers will be available for newspapers, computer paper, and magazines.

Building custodians will use two-bin recycling carts while performing their regular duties. While emp-

tying trash, they will pick up recyclable paper. The recyclable material will then be placed in dumpsters painted with a blue slash.

A local contractor will pick up the paper along with other recyclables from the City of Hays' recycling program and transport it for recycling. According to University Relations, a 60-day pilot program performed last fall in McCartney Hall determined that, by weight, 39.8 percent of the paper, computer paper and cardboard used on campus is recyclable.

Educational programs, including brochures and a booth at enrollment, are planned to teach individuals on campus about the program. The university will continue to participate in its current recycling programs, such as mulching and composting.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Getting wet!

Jack Kasselmann, 2, sprays his mother Renetta Kasselmann, Hays, with water from a fountain in front of Picken Hall yesterday afternoon.

SEi selects Hays as site for new support center

Computer support company to provide employment opportunities for students

Karen Meier
Managing Editor

Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, (SEi) a Florida-based computer hardware and software support company, announced Friday, May 31, that Hays will be the site for its seventh Customer Support Center.

By the end of June, SEi plans to hire 100 to 120 people to provide telephone assistance to computer users. The workers will be trained on the Fort Hays State campus and will temporarily work in a local Southwestern Bell building.

In the beginning of October, when

the company completes its permanent facility in the Commerce Parkway Business Park near the Hays Municipal Airport, it is expected that another 200 people will be hired.

According to Mark Bannister, director of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs and executive assistant to FHSU President Edward Hammond, this could provide a good opportunity for students who work their way through school.

Bannister said that because of the extensive training workers must receive before beginning work, SEi is primarily interested in full-time workers. However, Bannister said the company offers day and evening

shifts as well as evening hours.

The company also has a starting pay of approximately \$7.50 per hour with benefits after six months, compared with the minimum wage of \$4.25 per hour which most students receive.

"For Fort Hays students who are already working full-time at minimum wage to pay for school, this is a great opportunity," Bannister said.

SEi is planning a job fair for Hays residents who are interested in working for the company. The dates are tentatively set for June 13, 14 and 15 in Tomanek Hall.

The job fair would provide an opportunity for interested people to learn more about the company, and for the company to begin skills assessment of potential employees.

Those who are interested in working at SEi should contact Hays Jobs Service Center.

Bannister said that computer

skills are not essential for the available jobs.

"The main thing they're looking for is people skills," he said.

SEi expects one-third of those hired to have a college degree, one-third to have an associate degree or the equivalent, and one-third to be "bright high school graduates," Bannister said.

"Anyone who is attending Fort Hays ought to fall into those categories," he said.

Being employed by SEi would provide an excellent opportunity for those who are pursuing a degree in a computer-related field, Bannister said.

"Working in a computer software support company, like Sykes, through college, would leave a student well-positioned for a management role after college," he said.

The Hays center will be equipped with the latest technology in com-

puter equipment, telephony, fiber optics, call-tracking software and knowledge bases, according to a press release.

When completed, the facility will occupy 42,700 square feet and will have the capacity to employ 432 technicians on one shift.

Similar centers are located in Bismark, North Dakota; Sterling and Greeley, Colorado; Ponca City, Oklahoma; Klamath Falls, Oregon; and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

At a press conference May 31, Lavern Squire, director of the Ellis County Coalition, said the construction of the support center will make Hays a pioneer city, introducing the American economy to cyberspace.

USD 489 Superintendent Fred Kaufman said, "It means young people will be able to stay in the community, which is the best thing we can want."

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EDITORIAL



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Columnist is proud of Gay Pride

Laurie Bean
Columnist

This weekend many communities across the United States will celebrate Gay Pride Week. It is a shame that citizens of Hays and its surrounding communities who wish to celebrate this weekend will have to drive three to five hours to do so.

Why shouldn't any American be able to peacefully celebrate his life?

Why shouldn't any group of Americans be allowed to peacefully gather to support each other? It is still a constitutional right, isn't it?

Oh, I know the responses will be a resounding, why do "they" have to flaunt "their" sexuality publicly. Let me ask you this, why did the Irish feel that they should celebrate St. Patrick's Day publicly?

I can't answer the last question for you. But I do know that what started

as a tradition for a group that once was hated, discriminated against, and pushed into poverty-ridden corners of America has become a yearly nation-wide celebration.

All-right, so the Gay Pride celebration is not recognized as a holiday. Let me offer another approach.

The gatherings, marches, and sit-ins of the African-Americans during the sixties and seventies provided a wake-up call for white America. Af-

rican Americans rallied to achieve the constitutional rights they deserved.

The Gay Pride celebrations also hope to show Americans that gay people are human beings also. Regardless of morality issues, these American citizens deserve the same constitutional rights as any other American.

It is a shame that any American should have to gather and demand

their constitutional rights. It is an even bigger shame that any person would fight, threaten, and beat another human being simply because of a difference of opinion.

My biggest hope this week is that peace will guide those communities celebrating Gay Pride Week. It is also my hope that someday Hays and western Kansas will be able to celebrate with and support its gay citizens.

Correction: In the final issue of the Leader in the Spring 1996 semester, President Hammond was incorrectly identified. The Leader regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Transplant Games to be in Utah

Dear Editor,

This summer, the United States will welcome the world when they host the Olympic games in Atlanta, Georgia. But, did you know there will be another Olympic Games held in Utah this summer?

Yes, the annual U. S. Transplant Games will be held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City on August 22-25th. It is a fast growing event that attracts transplant recipients for all walks of life to participate in Olympic style events. My name is Marc Menard. I am currently a senior at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, majoring in Communication. I am also a two-time kid-

ney transplant recipient. After years of dialysis, operations and hospitals, I will finally realize my dream of graduating from college in December of this year. This summer I will be competing in my third Transplant Olympics.

It is hard to describe the feeling of being healthy enough to compete with other transplant recipients in this unique sporting event. The games give an opportunity for people such as myself to prove there is life after transplantation. It is also a chance to call attention to the need for more organ donation. The simple truth is, many people die waiting for their gift of life.

My request is a small one. To help defray the costs of traveling, lodging and equipment, I am asking for a small donation. I ask this donation, not for myself, but for all of my teammates of Team MO-Kan. Any contribution toward our "Olympic" dreams is greatly appreciated. You may send your donation to the National Kidney Foundation of Kansas And Western Missouri, 1900 West 47th Place, #310, Westwood, Kansas 66205, in care of Kristin Farney or Ray Gabel (Team Captain). Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Marc Menard
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Tunes in the air

Summer concerts offer fun entertainment for students and community members

Perfect harmony

Tammi Krebaum
Features Editor

Summer was tuned in last night with an outdoor concert and picnic.

Ongoes to the Welcome Back to School Concert tuned in to the songs and swayed in the hot summer air to music performed by the Selby Brothers.

The Selby Brothers, who are both alumni of Fort Hays State are a singing brother duo.

The duo consists of Mark Selby, who graduated in 1980, and is now pursuing a song writing career in Nashville, Tenn., and his younger brother Monte Selby, who earned his master's degree from FHSU in 1989 and has been serving as the principal at Felten Middle School, 29th and Fort, for the past seven years.

However, besides pursuing their individual careers, the brothers perform their blues, pop and classic

rock together "whenever we get a chance," Mark said.

The brothers began performing together when they were just children.

Monte learned to play guitar in elementary school and that is when Mark became interested. So the two brothers began to "jam together in high school," Mark said.

However, it was years later, when Monte was attending undergraduate school at K-State, that the brothers began performing together in front of people.

And their performances continue to be better and better, for the Selby Brothers were chosen to be the entertainment for the Welcome Back to School Concert because "they are really good. They put on a really pleasing show. They are crowd response entertainers," Eric Tischer, Director of University Activities, said.

And entertaining it was for crowd member Mary Leigh Dyck who said, "To have this kind of quality entertainment in Hays is just great!"



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Mark and Monte Selby performed their music yesterday evening under the gazebo as part of the University Activities Boards' Welcome Back to School Concert.

Hays Firefighters Association to sponsor red hot benefit concert

Tammi Krebaum
Features Editor

Get your cowboy boots and western gear on for another summer concert to be held at Fort Hays State.

The concert, which is being sponsored by the Hays Firefighters Association Local 2119, will be held tonight at 8 in the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The concert will be performed by Sweet and Sassy featuring Mike Bishop.

The group will perform "country, blue grass, gospel, patriotic, classic rock and roll, and hilarious comedy," according to a press release.

"It is a Branson-type show," Jerry Haines, show chairman, said.

However, since it is a benefit show, 50 percent of the proceeds are reserved for the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home, 204 W. 7th and the other half will be donated to each of the area high schools' Project Graduation, which is an alcohol free after graduation party.

This kind of benefit concert will "allow people to see a quality show like the ones that people might see in Branson," Haines said.

The Hays Firefighters Association sponsors these kinds of concerts as a "service to our community. We are doing it for a good cause," Jerry Haines, show chairman, said.

Tickets are still available for the concert. Interested persons may get the tickets at the door. The tickets cost \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

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Student awaits decision of Olympic committee



ROD SMITH / University Leader

Senior javelin thrower Mindy Lyne throws during a track meet earlier this year.

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

Senior javelin thrower Mindy Lyne may realize her biggest dreams when the USA Track and Field Committee announces the names of 24 qualifiers to the U.S. Olympic Trials in Atlanta.

Lyne, who is a provisional qualifier for the Olympics after throwing 171 feet at a meet at Emporia State University last month will not have much time to prepare for a trip to Atlanta.

The qualifiers will be selected this Sunday, June 9. If she qualifies, Lyne will travel with Fort Hays State University track coach Jim Krob, flying from Kansas City next Wednesday.

"She would throw next Friday in the preliminaries held at the Olympic Stadium," Krob said.

"Only the top 12 would qualify for the finals on the following Monday. Throws from the preliminaries do not carry over and each finalist would start from scratch with five throws."

Krob said automatic berths to the

trials are given to those javelin competitors who have thrown at least 175 feet. There are 24 automatic berths at stake, with provisional qualifiers such as Lyne filling up the field if there are not 24 automatic qualifiers.

Lyne's Olympic hopes come on the heels of her recent NCAA Division II championship in the javelin at Riverside, Calif.

Her winning throw of 165 feet, 7 inches was good enough to outdistance her rival from Emporia State, sophomore Joyce Burnett, who finished second with a toss of 163 feet, 3 inches.

The championship makes Lyne the first individual FHSU athlete to win a Division II title in any sport.

She is also a two-time All-American after placing third a year ago and has been a qualifier for the national meet in each of her three seasons at FHSU. Lyne is also a starter for the Lady Tigers basketball team and led the team in scoring this past season.

Lyne is both overwhelmed and excited about her chances of going to the Olympic trials.

"My goal this season was to win

nationals, but I never thought going to the Olympics would be something I could accomplish. This is way over my head," Lyne said.

Lyne, who came to FHSU primarily to play basketball, was a two-sport standout from Lincoln, Kan., and the Class 2A state champion in the javelin during her senior year.

"Playing basketball was my main priority coming to college," Lyne said after winning the national title.

"But, it may be a toss-up now. Basketball and track are two completely different sports. Track is more laid back and relaxed, while basketball tends to be more tense and serious."

Lyne first began throwing the javelin in high school but, admits that it wasn't until her arrival at FHSU that she began learning the finer techniques of throwing the javelin. She was tutored by Eric Swenson, himself a Division II seventh place finisher in the javelin for FHSU in 1993.

"He helped me a lot with my form and taught me that throwing the javelin is more finesse than strength," Lyne said.

FHSU plays key role in SEi selection of Hays

Karen Meier
Managing Editor

When President Edward Hammond came to Fort Hays State seven years ago, he had a vision for the university — to create an electronic learning environment and raise the technical level of the workforce in Western Kansas.

"I'm proud to see that dream come true," Hammond said at a press conference May 31.

The fulfillment of this dream was an important factor in the decision of

Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, (SEi) to locate its seventh software support calling center in Hays.

According to Mark Bannister, director of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs and executive assistant to President Hammond, "Over and over again, they told us how impressed they were with the university. It really was a key reason for them coming here," he said.

At the announcement on Friday, SEi President John Sykes said, "The reason we're coming to Hays is your commitment to technology," at the

elementary and secondary levels, and at Fort Hays State.

According to Bannister, Fort Hays State initiated its relationship with SEi in 1992.

Hammond and Larry Gould, dean of the college of arts and sciences, had developed a conference they named Telepower, which focused on the applications of telecommunications in economic development.

When the Docking Institute took over the conference in 1993, a new feature was added. The institute chose six "Success Stories" from

Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska to showcase as examples of technology's positive impact on economic development. An SEi calling center located in Sterling, Colorado was chosen as one of those success stories, and over the next several years, Bannister watched them expand.

"Last summer I heard they were looking for additional sites," Bannister said. "On September 14, I got a call that Sykes was looking to expand and Hays was potentially attractive, primarily because of Fort

Hays."

In October, a Hays delegation traveled to Sterling to tour a calling center, and in January SEi officials began touring Hays. In early May, Sykes toured the community and "had a positive impression of Hays," Bannister said.

The announcement that Hays had been chosen finally came last week.

Bannister said SEi is an ideal company for Hays because it has low water use, causes no pollution, and it will hire a substantial number of FHSU graduates.

