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CAMPUS task force discusses safety concerns, reaches little consensus

Debby Werth
Staff Writer

If you were sitting in a College Algebra class, would you want to know that the person sitting behind you had served time as a serial rapist?

If you were a convicted child molester, had served time in jail, were continuing with intensive therapy, and had enrolled at Fort Hays State, would you want your classmates to know of your criminal record?

These are some tough questions which Kansas university officials are currently discussing in a task force formed by Attorney General Carla Stovall.

According to Mary Horsch, Press Secretary to the Attorney General, Stovall decided to form the CAMPUS (Campus Awareness Makes for Protection and Ultimate Safety) Task Force after learning about recent incidents of criminal activity at all campuses included in the Regents System.

"Not that there are problems," Horsch said, but Stovall wanted to call together individuals to participate on a task force to take a look at what's happening on campuses in Kansas and to discuss what can be done to increase security.

Horsch said Stovall requested each university send its president, students, parents, and victim service providers to the conference.

One of the task force members representing FHSU is Kenzie Singleton, Hays sophomore.

Singleton said the first meeting, held in Topeka, included a discussion of what each campus did for security.

She said ideas were shared and she learned that "Wichita State University has been determined to be

the safest campus in Kansas—until you walk across the street."

Singleton also said she learned that "most campuses are doing all they can to protect their students."

Horsch said the second meeting, held in Wichita, "discussed more in-depth issues."

"What's 'open' information? What's 'closed' information? How do universities define what is 'public information' and what rights does a student with a criminal record have versus the rights of other students? These are some difficult questions facing individuals on this task force," she said.

Singleton said during that same meeting discussion took place on some of the following questions:

- How much information should students have about what happens on their particular campus?
- Do they have the right to know about the criminal records of their fellow students?
- Should students be required to register on campus if they have previously been convicted of a serious crime?
- Do other students have a right to know that they are attending school with individuals who may have been imprisoned for a crime?
- Should a student getting in trouble have the action published in the campus newspaper?
- Should the local police be contacted by campus police if a student commits a crime?

Singleton said, "no consensus" was reached among task force members. She also said the last two questions led to some thought provoking discussion regarding FHSU in particular.

"Some students commute from 2-

1/2 hours away," Singleton said. "If they commit a crime 2-1/2 hours away, should it be reported? Is it anyone's business if someone got a DUI (driving while intoxicated) over the weekend [that far away]?"

Singleton said that having learned that most campuses are doing what they can to protect their students, she believes the community also needs to become involved.

"The area around campuses is known for cheap housing," she said. "Students at times have no alternative but to rent slums."

Singleton said because landlords choose not to keep up their property, the property becomes run-down and appears low-income. Overgrown shrubbery provides hiding spots for predators. Poor lighting is the norm in these areas.

Because neighborhood appears run-down, they receive less policing efforts. This results, according to Singleton, in poor security.

"It's the perfect place for crime," Singleton said. "They might as well tattoo 'VICTIM' on our foreheads."

Singleton said statistics show criminals are attracted to and prey on young individuals living in concentrated areas such as those around campuses. She suggested more community involvement is needed to force landlords to provide upkeep for their property.

Horsch said Stovall wanted to hear from universities, and from individuals like Singleton, as to what types of restraints they would like to see developed for their campuses.

Stovall plans to continue the meetings through November, issue a report in December, and then introduce some type of legislation based upon her findings within the task force.

Singleton said at her level, she will be introducing two bills to the



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Working hard

Irvin Leiker, grounds department equipment operator, pulls weeds in preparation to mow yesterday afternoon in front of Stroup Hall.

Student Government Association at its first meeting in the fall, one in support of more "open" information being provided to students, and the other supporting that student background information remain "closed" to other students.

"We'll see what happens," she said.

Singleton encouraged people to contact any Student Government Association representative and voice their opinions on the upcoming proposed bills.



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EDITORIAL

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Politicians should have to write resumes like normal folk

Laurie Bean
Columnist



Am I just not paying attention closely enough, or am I missing some valuable information about our presidential candidates? Why does it seem that the public never really knows how the candidates stand on important

issues? Jack Handy says Joe Schmoe votes in favor of tax hikes.

Yet Handy says that he didn't; in fact, it was Schmoe who voted for the hikes.

How does a voter really know? How can we make an educated vote with all this conflicting information?

I propose that each candidate who runs for office at the federal level should have a resume made of their experience and time in office.

This resume should be made available to the public.

This resume should include all previous offices held.

Under each experience a list of what each candidate achieved and failed to accomplish during their time in office should be provided.

For example, all bills the candidate proposed, how they voted on all the issues, should be included.

Of course, this service would probably need to be provided by an independent service to insure accurate information is being provided.

We all know that the candidates themselves would sugar-coat the resume to their favor.

And heaven knows this independent group could not be part of the media. Everyone knows that no one trusts the media!

Once all the information has been compiled, the resumes should be mailed out to all registered voters.

Candidates could even have the option of purchasing the resumes as part of their campaign.

They then could distribute them as they wish.

Now, in this case, the resumes

would have to be certified by the service that manufactures them.

This would insure that the candidates could not tamper with the information.

The independent service could invent some nifty little symbol to mark all the resumes, perhaps a stamp similar to the kind of seals used on all valid drivers licenses.

I like the idea. It would make a nice public service operation. What do you think?

Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

There are many rules at Fort Hays State University that do not make sense. Because we, the students affected, fail to point these rules out to administration, they go unchallenged.

Many students are stalling in the undergraduate program while others will quit in their pursuit for a degree because of these nonsensical rules.

Example of the Problem

One example I know of is the one in which one cannot enroll in College Algebra if one does not "have the foundations to successfully complete the course." (This is a quote from one of the Math professors.)

There is the option of taking the course through Barton County, but that is not enough. Some students do not have the patience (or the money) to waste three hours in a class that does not apply to their degree.

As statistics show, almost half of the student population at FHSU is a non-traditional person (someone who, for one reason or another, went to the "school of hard knocks" before coming to FHSU).

"Foundations" Required

Many of these students obviously do not have the "foundation" that the Math department requires for them to have—before they can enroll in the course required to complete a degree.

The other option that these students may choose is to go out of town to take the course through Colby or Barton County Community Colleges.

But even then, for some students this is not possible (for some of us do not drive, nor have the means to leave the children with a baby-sitter.)

Personally, I think this is a shame. Those who have to go out of town to pursue those—necessary—hours are actually saying, "we cannot get what we need in our won college, therefore we have to find it somewhere else."

Survey may be Needed

It would be interesting to do a survey and find out how many students are dissatisfied with this situation—or how many have decided to quit college—and see what we can do about it.

Dear fellow students, remember that we can only be heard if we speak LOUD.

(By the way, I am looking for a carpool so I can take college algebra in the fall either at Wakeeney, Plainsville, Larned, Russell, or wherever it is offered. My phone number is in the student directory if you would like to join.)

Sincerely,

Dina Ross,
Catherine senior

Dear Editor:

In 1964, a Surgeon General's Report began alerting the nation to the hazards of smoking. Now, a new Surgeon General's Report will be released addressing physical inactivity.

The Report will include a large volume of scientific and medical evidence on the negative health consequences of physical inactivity.

It is estimated that as many as 250,000 deaths per year in the United States are attributable to the lack of regular physical activity, with millions more suffering from related chronic diseases. The health leading inactive or sedentary life-styles.

We all are concerned about health

care costs. But clearly the most inexpensive and least traumatic way to reduce costs is simply to avoid diseases and injuries all together.

We know about such things as smoking and wearing seat belts. Persons who are physically inactive are taking as much risk with their lives and health. The couch potato in all of us is creating a deadly serious health problem.

Fortunately, it takes only small increases in physical activity to start gaining health benefits.

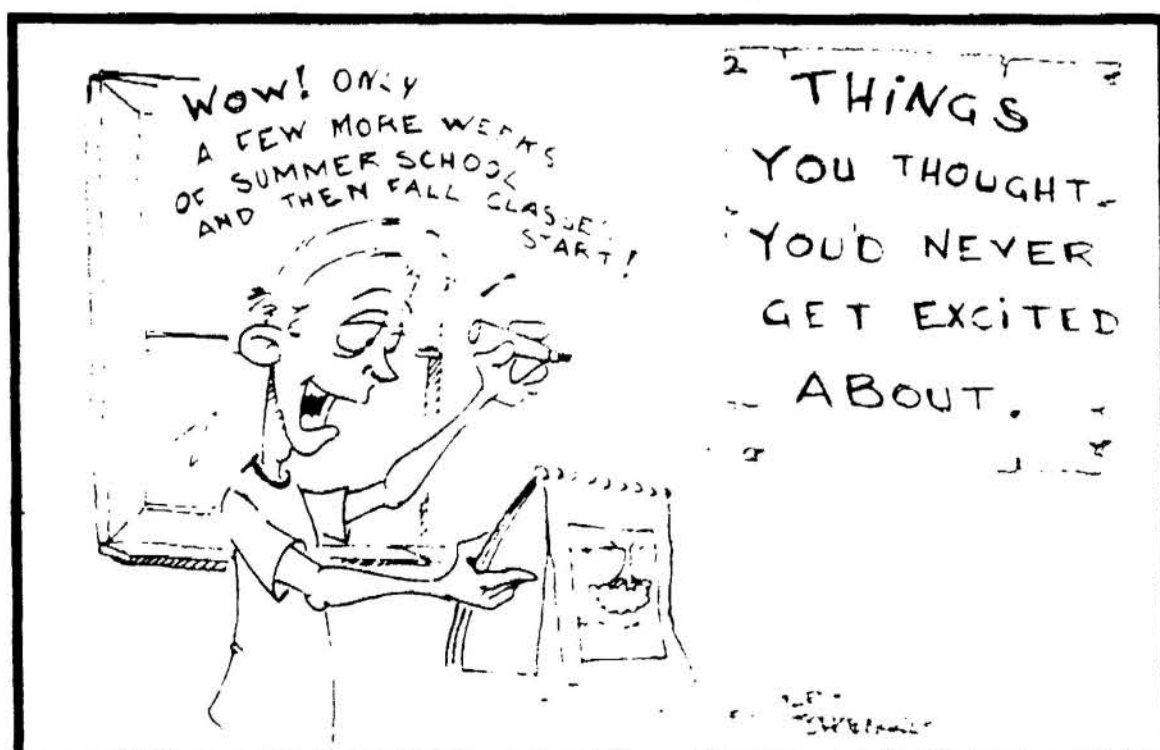
We, the undersigned, encourage everyone to look for ways to make physical activity an important part of their daily routine. Take the stairs. Join a health club. Walk the dog.

Take an active interest in your health.

Sincerely,

The Department of Health and Human Performance, Fort Hays State University:

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One of the jobs of the Fort Hays State grounds crew is maintenance of the flowers and plants by Picken Hall.

Grounds crew helps keep campus lookin' good

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

One of the most attractive features on the campus of Fort Hays State University is the beauty of flower beds, shrubs and lawn that make up the quad area of the campus.

Jim Schreiber, grounds supervisor of FHSU, directs a maintenance crew of 11 full time and three student seasonal employees who handle the daily upkeep of the campus grounds.

Schreiber, who has worked with the grounds and landscaping department since 1979, has been the department head since October 1984. He had worked with a landscaping company before he landed a job on the crew of the FHSU grounds department.

"When I came to Fort Hays, to go to school, I got a part-time job working with the department," Schreiber said.

Schreiber has been at it ever since, relying on hands on experience and information and techniques he has learned through various grounds maintenance seminars.

The duties of Schreiber's crew vary with the seasons.

In summer, there is weekly mowing and irrigation of all lawn areas, while flower beds are also continually maintained.

In the winter months, his crew can be found trimming trees and, of course, snow removal when the wintry weather arrives.

The beautiful flower beds that grace the quad area are left strictly to the design and imagination of his crew.

"I leave it up to the crew to plan and design, that is part of their responsibilities. They begin planning in January when they are growing in the greenhouse," Schreiber said.

Schreiber, who has seen the grounds of other Kansas universities may certainly feel a little biased toward his own results at FHSU.

One of the biggest challenges for Schreiber is the weather and he admits that his least favorite duty is snow removal.

"We have to deal with the weather year round," Schreiber said.

"Snow removal can certainly be quite a chore. But, I really like everything about this job. Everything seems to fall into place eventually."

The department generally buys seeds for their flower beds from wholesalers such as Parke seeds or they order directly from seed catalogs.

Money can be a challenge for the maintenance department, but this has not deterred them in the least from producing natural beauty on campus.

"Our department is not any different from any other department on campus," Schreiber said.

"Certainly we would like to have more money available to us than what we have. The challenge is

being able to put the money to its best use -- to use what we have and make it work for us."

Like many other things in the fast driven technological world, Schreiber has learned of many techniques in trade journals and tries to keep up with the latest in maintenance equipment.

And what if a problem should arise for Schreiber and his crew? No problem, according to Schreiber, as his staff has learned to be a little flexible.

"If there is a problem, there is a short amount of excitement, but then we just take care of the problem," Schreiber said.

"For the staff size we have, they do a very good job. We have a lot of experience and they are very dedicated to what they are doing."

Historical Society holds special hours

Karen Meier
Managing Editor

The Ellis County Historical Society will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 18. This is a change from the museum's regular hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The extended hours will allow the public more time to see the newest exhibit, "Settling the High Plains: Ellis County, 1867-1870."

According to a press release, the museum has gotten a good response from the exhibit and wanted to allow people who might not be able to visit during regular hours a chance to see it.

The society can also accommodate groups at other times if special arrangements are made. Admission to the exhibit is free, but donations are gladly accepted. The museum is located at 100 W. Seventh.

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Five nuns in a holy mess ... what "Nunsense"



Tracey Bates
Staff Writer
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The dead could not be buried, so what is a nun to do? This is the predicament five nuns found themselves in, so they decided to put on a variety show to raise money to bury their dead sisters.

This is the plot for the musical comedy, "Nunsense," which will be presented tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Felten-Start Theater.

"Nunsense," which was written by Dan Goggin, will be presented by the Fort Hays State Department of Music, and is directed by Rager Moore, instructor of music. Bruce Bardwell, assistant professor of communication, is the technical designer for the play and costumes were designed by Tommie Lynn Williams, instructor of communication.

The cast members for the play include Ruth Firestone, department of modern languages chair, who will be play Sister Mary Regina, better known as Mother Superior. Sprock

said that her character has a sense of humor. "She tries to take care of everyone," Sprock said.

Marthann Schulte, Victoria graduate student, will play the part of Sister Mary Hubert, mistress of novices. This character is proper. She tries to back up the Reverend Mother as much as possible, yet, on occasion, she tries to back off and she tends to get away with it, Schulte said.

The part of Sister Robert Anne will be played by Marcia Higginson, Hays resident. Higginson said that she likes to play the part of Sister Robert because "she gets to sing the prettiest songs."

Karla Bugbee, Gem senior, will play Sister Mary Amnesia. "She (Sister Mary Amnesia) is ditsy, she is forgetful because of her amnesia (which she received from a crucifix falling on her head). She takes life like it is a new day," she said.

The fifth nun will be played by Heidi Van Doren, Hays resident. Van Doren will play Sister Mary Leo. Sister Mary Leo is the newest of the nuns at the convent. "She (Sister Mary) wanted to be a ballerina," but instead, she entered the convent to dedicate her life to God. She planned on showing her dedication to God through dancing, Van



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Marthann Schulte, Victoria senior, plays the part of Sister Mary Hubert and Ruth Firestone, department of modern languages chair, plays the part of Sister Mary Regina during Tuesday's rehearsal for the musical "Nunsense."

Doren said. "The play has lots of jokes, singing and dancing...it is not offensive," Moore said.

Tickets for the play are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

fun while performing this song and the crowd responded with rousing applause.

ELO shows no signs of slowing down, although they have been touring for nearly 25 years.

The group brings back memories of my last days of high school and they were a great addition to this year's festival lineup. I hope the Wild West committee can continue to bring a diverse group of entertainment to future festivals because I for one, enjoyed the trip down memory lane.

The group finished the show in a highly energetic manner with "Calling America," the last song ELO charted, which finished 18th on the Billboard in 1986. ELO simply had

ELO took the stage at the Wild West Festival

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

Appreciative concert goers were treated to the British rock and roll sounds of the Electric Light Orchestra on the last night of the Wild West Festival (July 7).

Now known as ELO Part II, the band has been delighting audiences with their innovative fusion of rock

and classical music since their formation in the early 70s in their native England. By all appearances, ELO has survived the numerous personnel changes that dot the band's history and are still quite capable of delivering their orchestrated sound.

The show started with ELO performing their Beatles-like songs like "Ma Ma Ma Belle." It is no secret that ELO has sought to carry on the British tradition where the Beatles

left off. They quickly followed with "I Don't Wanna," a song with a definite kick that helped build the excitement for the remainder of the show.

And the crowd was certainly not disappointed as ELO sang most of their hits including "Hold on Tight," "Turn to Stone," "Do Ya," "Sweet Talkin' Woman," "Confusion" and "Last Train to London."

ELO was also quite effective in

performing a new song which they wrote last year while touring with the Australian Symphony Orchestra. The song titled "Ain't Necessarily So," received a good response from the enthusiastic Wild West Festival crowd.

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