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# HALLOWEEN

Time for all those ghosts & goblins to come out and play.

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## Crystal ball reveals kids' fears

Kari Sparks  
Managing Editor

Halloween may bring tricks and treats to children, but the holiday also brings fears of death and dying, according to research findings by professors of teacher education, Judy Nixon and Mahmoud Suleiman.

Nixon said that she has decorated her house for the past 13 years for trick-or-treaters. For the past two years, a "crystal ball" has been included in the decorations.

The questions the kids asked the crystal ball reflect "the type of fears that seem to surface during this time of year," Nixon said.

"Sometimes the kids ask positive questions, but most of the questions are things they are scared about," Nixon said.

Some of the typical questions are, "Do people really rise from out of their graves?" "Will I die a slow death?" "Will I get cancer and die?" "Will I be scared when I die?"

One child asked, "Is my brother going to kill me?"

Nixon said questions also seem to reflect recent movies seen, as well as what is going on in the community.

"When *Jurassic Park* was popular, many kids wanted to know if dinosaurs would come back and eat them," Nixon said.

Already Nixon said she has gotten questions about tornadoes and extraterrestrials, reflecting the recent movies, "Twister" and "Independence Day."

"I had a grad student collect data in Dodge City. Many of the kids had concerns about the gangs there. Kids asked, 'Am I going to get killed by a gang?'" Nixon said.

According to Nixon, one boy whose brother had died asked the crystal ball if his brother was haunting his house.

"You can tell the kids are really trying to figure (death) out," Nixon said.

"One of the things I think parents forget is that if they shelter

their children from death, it is helping, but it isn't," Nixon said.

"Children are like barometers. If a parent is grieving, they know something is wrong. The fear of the unknown scares them more."

According to Nixon, a good time to talk to a child about death is when a pet dies.

Nixon also suggests taking children to funerals of "not so close friends and relatives" to introduce them to the funeral ritual.

Nixon related a personal experience of how she and her husband prepared their children for the death of a sick grandmother.

"We spent a lot of time talking to them about what happens to the body and soul after death. In our family, we believe there is life after death," Nixon said.

Nixon also suggested reading children's books about death and dying "if you know a death is pending."

"If a child asks questions about death, don't dance around it. But follow the child's lead, don't give them more than they can handle," Nixon said.

"You should also teach the life cycle...how everything has a beginning and an end and how you grow and change over time. Life and death is all part of a natural process," she said.

"Rather than let a child come up with wild stories, it is better to talk about it."

Nixon's home is decorated again this year. She said the research with the crystal ball will be continued.

"I would love to have more college students come by," Nixon said.

Nixon's "haunted house" is located on 1006 W. 38 and will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Judy Nixon, instructor of teacher education, places a foam gargoyle on the Halloween display in front of her house in Hays yesterday. Nixon has been decorating her house since 1983, using a different theme each year.



## Students donate blood

Kari Nuzum  
Staff Writer

The Fort Hays State Blood Drive sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi and the Data Information Systems Club was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in the Fort Hays State Ballroom in Memorial Union.

Jenny Liss, sponsor for both Alpha Kappa Psi and DISC, said they received 197 donations, up 38 from last year.

Liss said the next blood drive Alpha Kappa Psi and DISC will sponsor will be Feb. 25 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and 26 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Kevin Donecker, donor resources consultant for the Red Cross, said there will be a community blood mobile at the Armory on Nov. 15.

He said the time between Thanksgiving and the first week of January is a critical period because people don't take time to give blood during the holidays with all the other activities going on.

Donecker said it is hard to meet the needs of the 110 hospitals they serve in the central plains area. He said they have to collect 1700-2000 pints of blood a week.

According to a fact sheet from the American Red Cross, only 5% of the population gives blood out of the 57% that are able to.

To find out more information about blood drives in the area, call the toll free donor hot-line 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.



MARK BOWERS / UNIVERSITY LEADER  
Rusty Fulmer, Bellevue sophomore, takes a moment to rest after donating blood in the Memorial Union Wednesday afternoon.

## Days to bring new faces

Janelle Mildrexler  
Staff Writer

Saturday, many new faces will be seen all over campus because it is the annual Tiger Family and Visitation Day for Fort Hays State.

Students, future students and family members may meet with FHSU faculty, tour the campus and visit the departments.

It is a very exciting day and an excellent chance to show off tiger pride. Eric Tischer, university activities advisor, said.

Family Day starts with a reception at 9 a.m. in the residence halls, followed by a university reception in the Sunset Lounge of the Memorial Union from 10 to 11 a.m.

Then families are invited to attend the FHSU vs. Chadron State College football game.

A buffet dinner at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union will close the day. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children 12 and under and \$2.75 for students.

Buffer tickets must be purchased by today at the University Activities Board office.

We want to recruit to thank and to demonstrate how wonderful FHSU is. We want to recognize FHSU students who already have," Tischer said.

For those people planning to become Elementary Education majors, Tiger Visitation day actually

begins on Friday. Prospective students are invited to view the field-based teacher education program and tour O'Laughlin Elementary School.

On Saturday, registration is from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Then the opening session will welcome the attendees to FHSU with a performance by the Tiger Marching Band. It is scheduled to last from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., faculty and department chairs will be available to discuss academic areas of interest with prospective students.

After that, an Extracurricular Fair, including 18 different campus activities and organizations, will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Each group has a table to provide information about their organization," Dustin Schlaefli, manager of the office of admissions, said.

Representatives from the following areas are expected to be at the fair:

- Athletics
- FHSU Theatre
- Scholarships
- Student Residential Life
- Student Government Assn.
- Newspaper Yearbook
- Radio
- Cheerleading
- Admissions
- Music
- Flag Team
- Debate
- Leadership Studies

- Tiger Debs Dance Team
- Greek Life
- Model United Nations
- Financial Aid
- University Activities Board

At 11:15 a.m., student assistants and student alumni will conduct campus tours until noon.

Then a tailgate party is planned in McMindes Hall cafeteria featuring bratwurst and hamburgers.

Each family member accompanying a student may partake of the tailgate party for \$2.80 a person.

At 1 p.m., participants may watch the Tiger football team play Chadron State.

"This gives students a feel of what Fort Hays is like," Schlaefli said.

Tiger day requires a \$10 registration fee to cover the costs of the meal and game ticket.

Additional game tickets are available at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union for a price of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children K-12.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 316 high school students were registered with 23 planning to attend the special tour of O'Laughlin.

This number is 65 more than last year and the estimated total is around 350 students.

A table will be available during registration for those who did not pre-register.



# Will they ever agree?

◆ Are holidays 'just another day' or are they a special time to spend with family. Counterparts, Mark and Kari, hash it out in ...

Mark Bowers  
Photo Editor

## Battle of the sexes

Given the chance to reprise my Counterparts role, needless to say, I jumped at the chance. Today we will be talking about holidays, boys and girls, and why I think they are a load of crap.

Holidays started off with the best of intentions, to celebrate religious holidays and/or pagan festivals. But a trip to Wal-Mart around Halloween will show you just how watered down and commercial things really have become.

Around this time of year, plastic Jack-O-Lanterns and fun-size candy bars abound. Oddly enough, Christmas items and that jolly old elf himself, begin to make an appearance at the retail mecca that is Wal-Mart.

Remember when Christmas and other federal holidays actually meant something? I don't. Holidays for me have either been non-existent or over-hyped to a sense of disappointment in unfulfilled expectations.

It also gives sad commentary on the status of the American mind. Commerciality and material possessions have changed our world from love for your neighbor to lust for a nicer car than your neighbor.

I do not want a reversion to the

way things were, but a push to the way things ought to be. The Wal-Martization of our world stifles free thought and competition, crushing all that is different.

Remember being shown a picture of two apples and a pear and being asked which one is different and does not belong? Why do we insist different is wrong?

Holidays are supposed to be times of love and togetherness for your family or significant others, and to share what is in your heart, not what can be bought or sold.

Our lives and histories are being sold to the discount giants, and they are telling us how to think and act.

Think for yourself. Practice what you believe, not what others tell you to believe.

Our country is a mosaic of differences. Each individual piece of the mosaic is beautiful in its own right, but all the tiny pieces and their differences come together to form one union, a union made of differences.



Kari Sparks  
Managing Editor

Millions of kids across the country have been preparing for this day for months.

Halloween, a day when kids get to do what they normally can never do—dress up weird and ask strangers for candy.

Adults and teenagers have fun participating in this event also. Costume parties are held, "haunted houses" are visited, decorations are put up and parents get to eat some of their kid's candy. Luckily, for me, my mom's favorite candy were the brown tootsie roll pops — the worst kind.

Like most holidays, Halloween is a strange tradition started hundreds of years ago. But, it's great to see all those kids roaming around in their little costumes, clutching big bags of candy. They are so happy, and isn't that what holidays are all about?

Some people complain about the commercialism of holidays. They say it is just a way to sell cards and promote sales. Yes, there may be a

card for every holiday, but holidays mean so much more than a card. Holidays are special days with special meanings behind all the commercialism surrounding them.

Take Christmas, for instance. When I was a kid, all I thought about when Christmas came around was, "Which presents will I get?" Sure, I knew the religious reasons we celebrated Christmas, but boy was I mad if I didn't get the latest remote control, pink Barbie corvette, for instance.

However, as I got older, the presents began to mean less and less to me. I began to realize the true meaning of the holiday. Christmas is a time when families and friends travel across the miles to celebrate, catch-up with family members not seen often, reminisce on old memories and make new memories. And as long as my parents don't bring up my finances or my grandma doesn't ask about my love life, then all goes well.

Unfortunately, holidays are not happy for everyone. Valentine's Day isn't very meaningful when you don't have a significant other, and Christmas can be depressing for those who don't have people to celebrate with. However, whether it's Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July, it's the idea and the meaning behind them that make holidays special.

# Is Halloween just a 'Satanic ritual'?

Laurie Bean  
Columnist



Black masses.  
Sacrificing animals and small children.  
Satanic rituals.  
These are the irrational thoughts that some people associate with Halloween.

As I toured various Halloween sites on the Internet, I found one page that declared "any celebration of Halloween is Satanic ritual."

This site claimed that even costume parties and trick-or-treating was done in worship of Satan.

How ridiculous! Where do people come up with the idea that a costume party or trick-or-treating is a celebration of Satan?

Maybe I'm naive. Or maybe I'm just not Christian enough.

The Bible says in Deuteronomy 18:9-11, "do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations..."

If I wear the clothing of a witch, am I actually

imitating witches?

If so, how is that harmful? If I can't actually cast spells, am I harming anyone?

I certainly don't see any harm in dressing as a witch for one evening.

(Watch out though, once smash-night is finished, I might go out in the country and invoke the spirits of the dead.)

I can understand how the passage from The Bible might apply if I were to act as a witch on several occasions during the year.

Also, it might apply if I actually entertained thoughts of being a witch.

However, if we dress in costume one night, simply for fun, wouldn't God understand this to be a game.

Wouldn't he forgive us for poking fun at ancient tradition.

Where is our sense of humor? Maybe we all need to look back to the beginnings of the holiday and find out what people were celebrating.

Halloween began with the Celts, a celebration then known as Samhain. It was a celebration of

the fall harvest and the advent of winter.

At this time, lost loved ones were remembered and honored.

Granted, sacrifices and the raising of dead spirits have been linked to this ancient holiday.

However, those rituals and beliefs have been almost entirely erased from the celebration of Halloween.

If either of those practices exist today, it is due to an evil element within society.

That does not make Halloween itself Satanic. It makes the people who perform those acts Satanic, pagan, or whatever you want to call it.

You cannot blame everyone for the evil of a few. Halloween is a time to celebrate the spirit of our lost loved ones.

It is a time to be thankful for the harvest we have received.

Halloween is a time to dress in odd clothing and charm or scare your friends and family.

It is a time to beg for candy, trick-or-treating some would say.

It is only due to irrational fear that one would condemn Halloween, thinking it is a satanic holiday.

## Halloween: time for fun

Christy J. Briggs  
Copy Editor



Halloween is observed in many cultures and is called by many names — we just happen to call it Halloween.

There's All Hallows' (meaning saints) Eve — that's where we get our name for it — All Saints' Eve. Hallomas and the day when the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest. I'm sure there are many more, but those will just give you an idea.

Since this day is thought to be the day when the two worlds are closest together, many people partake in such activities as the Ouija Board, seances, going to cemeteries to see ghosts, trying to find real, actual ghosts and many more Halloweenish-type things that most wouldn't even dream of.

This just happens to be one of my favorite holidays. I think I have always been attracted to this holiday because of the fact that you can be anybody you want to be — and it won't matter, because this is the night that nobody is who they say they are. And besides, what fun would it be to just be yourself when there are so many other people/things that you could be for just one night?

A lot of people don't know where Halloween got its start. I don't remember what year — or even what century — it got started in, but I do vaguely remember the story that my Honors English III teacher, good ol' T. Boone, told the class back in high school. It was something like this:

It didn't start out as a good night; people feared this night. A lot of cultures don't celebrate Halloween because of this. The witches and evil creatures and such would go out on this night and play evil pranks and generally just do bad stuff because the next day — All Saints' Day or All Hallows' Day, when the saints get honored — they would have to stay in hiding. I can't remember why they had to stay in hiding, but I think that if they were out, they would get in trouble with the saints.

How can we celebrate something that started out so horribly, some might ask. If you think about it, that is a horrible thing to show honor to the evil spirits by giving them their own holiday — and why don't we celebrate All Hallows' Day?

But the true meaning of Halloween in today's era is not for the evil spirits to roam around the land, anymore. I don't know what it is, but I do know that it is fun to have one night out of the 365 1/4 days of the year just to dress up, go to parties, get candy, play silly pranks on your friends, get scared stiff at haunted houses or trying to communicate with the other side.

I have partook in some of these activities with my friends and we've had some weird things happen, maybe they were just figments of our imaginations, or maybe we really did make contact with the dead.

It leaves me — and my friends — wondering, what happens to us after we die and are there really evil spirits that are still roaming ceaselessly across the land, waiting for All Hallows' Eve to roll around so they can once again

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### McMindes invites Trick-or-Treaters

The residents of McMindes Hall invite local children to stop by for treats on Halloween night, Oct. 31.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., McMindes residents will hand out treats to trick-or-treaters and will provide free tours of a "haunted room" to children of all ages.

For more information, contact Lisa Purcell at 628-4905.

### Alpha Gamma Delta to Trick or Treat

Alpha Gamma Delta will trick or treat around the community on Halloween night, asking for donations. The projects proceeds go to the Trick or Treat for the Alpha Gamma Delta fund, which will go towards diabetes research.

### Interview sign-up schedules available

Interview sign-up schedules are currently available for the following companies:

- Bankers Life & Casualty — Nov. 5
- Love's Country Stores — Nov. 7
- Natural Resources Conservation Service — Nov. 7
- Duckwall/Alice Bages — Nov. 8
- First National Bank — Nov. 12
- Federated Insurance — Nov. 12
- Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill — Dec. 4-5

For more information, please contact Career Services at 628-4260.

### HALO taking encircle orders

The Hays Area Leadership Organization is currently taking orders for encircle orders. A full page encircle order is \$11. Orders must be in by Nov. 7 and will be ready on the encircle Nov. 10 and Nov. 11. To order contact any HALO member at 628-4260.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## Tiger Debs perform at home football, basketball events



Members of the Tiger Debs Dance Line practice with the marching band on the practice field behind the Brooks Building last Wednesday.

**Janella Mildrexler**  
Staff Writer

Saturday, when the sounds of the Tiger marching band enter the stadium, people will glance around expectantly, searching for the tubas, trumpets and drums. Who, they will wonder, are those women in the gold sequined costumes carrying pom-poms?

These are the Tiger Debs, and they are proud to be the Fort Hays State dance squad.

The 13 Tiger Debs perform at every home football game with the marching band and are planning halftime entertainment for four home basketball games, beginning Nov. 19.

"We are going with the band to the Colorado School of Mines," Lisa Willis, Salina sophomore and Debs co-captain, said.

Team practice is every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. with the marching band, as

well as for an hour on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The team practices so often to be prepared for basketball season and because the routines need to be memorized.

"This year, they [the routines] are a lot more difficult than last year, with more technical stuff," Willis said.

According to Tamrin Olson, Salina sophomore and Debs co-captain, the routines for the basketball games are more complex than those during halftime at the football games because, while performing with the band, the Debs are expected to march.

The team's choreographer is Leta Deines, owner of Leta's School of Dance in Wakeeney.

"I do all the choreography and organize tryouts and camp and help with the marching drill," Deines said.

"Leta does the basic [routine] and we fit it to music because we'll miss out on counts. The other girls will pitch in," Willis said.

For all this hard work, each of the

Tiger Debs receives a stipend of \$175 for the fall, \$15 per basketball game and \$20 for a playoff game.

Although it is hard work and very time consuming, it is a chance for many to get involved in the school spirit.

"To me, it's a chance to dance and have fun, something I've always liked to do," Willis said.

The best thing about being a Tiger Deb is the "people on the squad. And we get to do something we like to do," Olson said.

"The squad is tightly knit. There are several who became friends last year and remained friends," Willis said.

That would also explain Deines' loyalty to the squad. This is Deines' 10th year as the Tiger Deb choreographer. Deines was hired by the band director at that time, then again by Jeff Hinton and now by Ronald Scott.

"I had a dance student who was interested and [I] was asked for help," Deines said.

Deines also feels a certain kinship with the squad because she was a Tiger Deb leader in 1969. That also entitles her to have a strong opinion about the team.

"Every year it gets a little bit better," Deines said.

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## The Notables Jazz Ensemble to be featured in Beach/Schmidt

**Ella Siemers**  
Features Editor

The Notables Jazz Ensemble will be performing in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble is a part of the Air Combat Command Heartland of America Band, which is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

The Notables perform for a variety of audiences in a variety of places, ranging from concert halls to community parks.

According to a press release, The Notables have performed on national television with Bob Hope, jazz trumpeter Bobby Shew, composer/arranger Frank Mantooth and former Tonight Show band leader, Doc



COURTESY PHOTO/HEARTLAND OF AMERICA BAND  
The Notables Jazz Ensemble will perform Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Severinsen. They have also performed at a Minnesota Vikings game.

The noncommissioned officer in charge is Master Sergeant Jon W. Yates. Yates is the current trumpet section leader for The Notables.

Yates has received awards such as the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

The ensemble features a vocal soloist, Staff Sergeant Katherine H. Nordeen. Nordeen is also a saxophonist.

Senior Airman Craig M. Treinen acts as the musical director for The Notables. Treinen is from Topeka and is a Seaman High School graduate.

The commander of The Notables is Major Mark R. Peterson. Peterson is from Joliet, Ill.

## Debate squad returns from third tournament

**Christy J. Briggs**  
Copy Editor

The Fort Hays State Tiger Debate Squad returned last Sunday night from its third tournament of the 1996-97 season at Wichita State University.

The teams competing were: Brett Watson, Garden City sophomore, and Brandon Thompson, Seattle senior; Holly Yaffe, Kansas City, Mo. junior, and Greg Schnippel, Indianapolis junior; and John Clune, Hutchinson freshman, and Mark Anderson, Salina freshman.

Watson and Thompson, varsity, won four rounds and lost three, taking fifth place and Thompson received 12th place speaker.

"Brett, in his second open tournament, broke again—still doing a good job. And Brandon did a good job as always. They lost to the team that ended up getting third place in the first elimination round....Getting fifth the first time ever debating together is a pretty good deal," Eric Krug, assistant professor of communications and head debate coach, said.

Yaffe and Schnippel, varsity, went 6-1 in preliminaries and lost in quarter finals, putting them in fourth place. Yaffe also got ninth place speaker.

The junior varsity team, Clune and Anderson, went 6-1 in preliminaries

and lost in the final round, taking second place in the JV division. Both of them also received speaker awards. Clune got sixth and Anderson got ninth.

"Mark and John have progressively gotten better over the semester. This was their best finish. Last weekend, they didn't have a great record, so they improved their record to 6-1 and ended up getting into finals," Krug said.

Clune feels that they improved from the first two tournaments to this one because they were psychologically more prepared.

"As long as Mark and I both keep practicing and doing (speed) drills, we should both get better," Clune said.

"Everyone did better this week than...before. It's kind of our goal to improve throughout the year and try to get to the national tournament, which is in March," Krug said.

"We're making slow, but sure, progression of getting better and that's what it's all about," he said.

Thompson says that they will get to nationals and do as well, if not better, than they did last year.

"As a team, we're a close-knit, almost family, and we're only going to get closer as the year goes along. That's going to help us a lot when it comes to nationals because once we get there, we'll all work together to support whoever breaks — we'll be there for them, doing work for them, helping them out a lot. Being as close as we are is going to help a lot," Clune said.

The next tournament the Tigers will be attending is Nov. 8-10 at the University of Central Oklahoma. The squad is currently ranked number 16 out of the over 300 college squads in the country and Krug feels that they have gotten even higher in the ranks after the points the teams earned at the WSU tournament.

## Hommel kicks off Cultural Richness Awareness Week

**Johnny Coomansingh**  
Staff Writer

The Memorial Union ballroom at Fort Hays State will come alive when cabaret singer Claudia Hommel presents "Souvenirs of Paris 1950," Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. The performance, which will be presented in a French cafe atmosphere, will form part of the Cultural Richness Celebration Week.

"Souvenirs of Paris 1950" offers a repertoire made famous after World War II by Edith Piaf, Juliette Greco and Yves Montand. Hommel will also render works of Paris as seen through the eyes of Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Irvin Berlin and Vernon Duke.

Hommel invites audience members into "her" cafe and recreates the atmosphere of Paris in 1950 through her singing, drama and costumes.

Although Hommel's songs will alternate between English and French, it is not necessary that patrons know French to understand the presentation. She involves her audience enough so they can easily follow along. Audience members will receive coffee or tea and eclairs.

University Activities Board Activity Director, Eric Tinchier, said that UAB is proud to co-sponsor this event with the Special Events Committee, whose director is I.B. Dent.

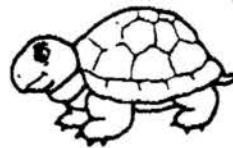
Tickets are on sale at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union. Prices are \$9 for the general public, \$7 for senior citizens, persons under 18, and FHSU faculty and staff and \$5 for FHSU students.

"We're excited that this show is part of this cultural week. We expect a high quality performance in an authentic setting," Tinchier said.

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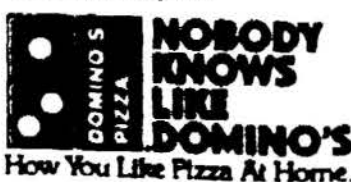
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# Tigers set to defend championship

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It's back to work for the Fort Hays State men's basketball team, as they prepare to defend their NCAA II National Championship.

The Tigers began practice on Oct. 15. Head Coach Gary Garner feels that the practices have been going well. "Our players are really focused and are working extremely hard. The players have shown a lot of intensity. Right now, we're just taking it one practice at a time," Garner said.

The road back to Louisville will not be an easy one this season for the Tigers. "It's going to be more difficult this year than last year because everybody is now shooting at us. We are the defending national champions," Garner said.

If the Tigers are to return to the Elite Eight Tournament, some new players will have to step up and take on the role as a leader for the team. The Tigers have lost last year's leaders, Geoff Eck and Chad Cr  mer.

This year the Tigers team captains are Mark Eck and Sherick Simpson. Both Eck and Simpson played quality minutes for the Tigers last year. The versatile Eck served as the Tigers' sixth man last year, while high-flying Simpson was named the Elite Eight's Most Outstanding Player.

Garner feels that Simpson will improve even more in his playing this year and become the team's game-breaker. "Sherick is a good quality player. He not only has great talent, but he also shows good judgement. He is a very intelligent player, one of the most intelligent players I have ever coached. So late in the close games, we like to have the ball in his hands," Garner said.

He also hopes that the newcomers to the team will

realize their positions and add to the Tiger program.

Garner also feels that this year's team has a chance to be even stronger than last year's team.

The Tigers will have to be strong this year to compete with the other teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The addition of five new teams into the RMAC will make the challenge even tougher. "There's no question about it, it's going to be a bear. Regis, who was 23-3 last year, will be tough, also Southern Colorado and Denver Metro will be tough. These three teams are the best of the five new teams year in and year out," Garner said.

Garner feels the toughest competition for the Tigers in RMAC play will be from Nebraska-Kearney, Mesa State, Southern Colorado and Regis.

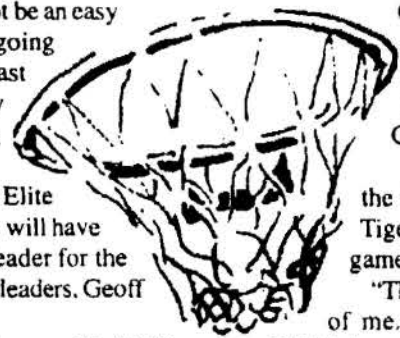
The team's goal this year is to repeat as the NCAA II National Champions. But the Tigers road to Louisville begins with their first game.

"The first game always worries the heck out of me. It's the first true game. We have an exhibition game, but I don't worry about that because that doesn't count against your record. You really don't know how good you are," Garner said.

"The anticipation of getting through that first game is tough. But you don't really know how good you are until you play that second and third game," Garner said.

The Tigers first action will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum. This game is an exhibition game against The Dream Builders, a team comprised of players from the University of Iowa, Iowa State and Drake University.

Their first regular season game will be against Montana State-Billings at Gross Memorial Coliseum on Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.



## Tigers to face undefeated Chadron State Eagles

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The Fort Hays State Tigers football team will try to get back on the winning track this weekend when they play host to the undefeated Chadron State Eagles.

The 8-0 Eagles are ranked No. 8 in the NCAA II poll and second in the NCAA II West Region. They also lead the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with five wins and zero losses.

The Tigers are looking to rebound from a 22-19 loss last weekend at the hands of the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys.

Last year FHSU rolled over Chadron State, 47-5.

The Eagles' defense is currently allowing a league low 290.1 yards per game. Their opponents average only 98.1 yards rushing per game. Chadron State allows their opposition

only 13.6 points per game, lowest in the RMAC.

FHSU head coach Bob Cortese also is only two wins away from tying Wayne McConnell's record of 49 wins. The Tigers have two games remaining after they play Chadron State.

Game time against Chadron State is set for 1 p.m. on Nov. 2. This day is also designated as Visitation Day.

The remaining games for the Tigers are with Adams State and Colorado School of Mines.

## Volleyball team suffers losses

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The Lady Tigers suffered three more losses on the season as they fell to three Colorado schools.

Scores for the match with Colorado Christian were 7-15, 1-15 and 14-16.

In the match versus Metro State College of Denver, the Lady Tigers could only muster 11 points in the three game set.

The Lady Tigers also lost to Colorado School of Mines by scores of 4-15, 8-15 and 6-15.

Next action for the volleyball team will be tonight at 7 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

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## Toilet Ten, Week Nine —

## Not Yets win first game, Fal-cants become No. 1

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It's Halloween and things are starting to get a little spooky here at Toilet Ten central. For



openers, the unusual and the bizarre occurred last Sunday when ... you guessed it, the Not Yets won their first game of the year. All I can say is there must have been a full moon. There is now a new number one, but in this strange league we know as the NF of L, anything can happen.

**1. Atlanta Fal-cants (0-8):** The red-hot Fal-cants are the new number one by virtue of being in the right place at the right time. While the Not-Yets are slumping, the Fal-cants seem primed and ready to conquer the Toilet Ten. The Fal-cants may have been playing at home against the rusty of Steelers, but you sure couldn't tell it. The crowd of more than 59,000 seemed to root the loudest whenever the Steel Men scored.

**2. Tampa by the Bay Yuk-a-neers (1-7):** The Yuks actually lost twice on Sunday. First, they lost the game to Green Bay, then their chartered airplane lost an engine. A truly good sign that the Yuks are quality TT material. Not only did the Yuks lose the game and their plane, they were forced to sit and watch the "Boys-Fins" game on their locker room television while a replacement plane was found.

**3. New Jersey Not Yets (1-8):** The Yets held steady for eight weeks as the number one team in Toilet

superiority. Don't count the Yets out... just Yet. This team is too good to let a one week slump shake their confidence. The Yets will have a bye week to recuperate and then watch out. I look for the Yets to return to top form very soon.

**4. St. Loo Sheep (2-6):** The Sheep continue to be very baaad. The Sheep had four turnovers en route to an overtime loss to the Brownies of Bal-tee-more. In fact, the Sheep lost it in the last 10 seconds of the game. Keeping the interested crowd, (all 20 of them) on the edge of their seats. This game deserved to be tied, as ugly as it was. But what do you expect from two teams battling for TT contention.

**5. Nawlins Aints (2-6):** The Aints enjoyed a week off so they can prepare to make a serious run at the TT crown during the last half of the season. Among the Aints strategy (besides hiring a coach that really doesn't want the job), is stockpiling supermarkets with extra supplies of brown paper bags. It gives a whole new meaning to the term "bagging it." And the nice thing about Aint bags is they double as Halloween apparel.

**6. Arizona Desertbirds (3-5):** The Desertbirds were thought to have flown the coop, since their absence from the TT rankings. But good news, the 'Birds went "south" just in time for the home stretch of the NF of L schedule. The 'Birds did it in impressive fashion too, by losing to the Not Yets. With any more inspiring performance like last week and the 'Birds may be ready to fill the shoes of the perennial TT powerhouse, the Not Yets.

**7. Jax'ville Jags (3-6):** The Jags make it into the TT polls again by spoiling Coach Bruce Coslet's debut

by losing to the Bungals. In fact, the Jags were just trying to keep a tradition alive. They are 0-3 against the Bungals since their debut in the NF of L last year, which makes Cincy the only AFC Central team they haven't beaten. The Jags are currently working on a new tradition by achieving Toilet Ten super status. They're just about there.

**8. Dee-troit Lyins (4-4):** Once again, Coach Wayne Fontes has found a way to remain on the coaching hot seat. Not only did they lose, they did it in a very big way, 35-7 to Coach Reeves and the Gi-aints. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has promised the City of Dee-troit they could host a Sub-par Bowl if they build a new stadium in the Motor City. Let's hope that doesn't mean we'll be tortured by watching a Dee-troit team (Lyins or Tigers) in the big show any time soon.

**9. Bal-tee-more Browns (3-5):** Yes, I realize they won, but they did it in ugly fashion (see St. Loo Sheep). The Brownies matched the Sheep step for step in turnovers, blown scoring opportunities and silly penalties for over four hours and to think, the Brownies accomplished these things with the AFC's top-rated passer, Vinny Testaverde. This must have been pure torture for the fans forced to sit through this game. The only thing worse is being a Fal-cant fan.

**10. My-ama Dol-fins (4-4):** The much-hyped affair between the 'Boys and the Fish failed to live up to its big billing and turned out to be rather hum-hum. Ol' Helmet Hair (Jimmy Johnson) may have to put his Sub-par Bowl plans on hold for awhile. Time to face reality, Jimmy. He's in My-ama now and is not fit to carry Don Shula's clipboard.

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