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# Internet setup to dial-up

Jennifer Burkhardt  
Editor-in-Chief

The wait is over. It's finally here. The long awaited Internet Dial-Up Accounts are now available from the Computing Center.

"(It is a new) tool for accessing the World Wide Web from off-campus using modems on their computers," Dave Schmidt, interim director of the Computing Center, said in the Oct. 18 issue of the *Leader*.

Initially, the service was to be in place by September. But technological advances created the need for better equipment.

The Center purchased a new Cisco remote access server rather than older technology, Schmidt said. They then waited for AT&T to install lines "to route incoming calls through a telephone switch to use existing phone lines to manage incoming voice and data traffic."

Schmidt said, "People will be happier with the better product."

Account applications — for the remaining fall semester — can be picked up in Tomanek 107 from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Nancy Geier, Internet Dial-Up Help Desk Manager, said, "That's the only time students are scheduled to be there for sufficient help. We haven't had a really big demand, yet .... We set it up specifically for a large demand. The sign-up times will be changed for the spring semester."

The service will allow any Fort Hays State full-time student or faculty member with an Internet Dial-Up Account to access the service from any computer with a modem. Part-time students will also be able to access the service — for a fee.

"Students currently enrolled in less than 12 hours, but at least three, will pay \$12 minus the number of hours enrolled," a release said.

The accounts will have to be renewed each semester. "Applications will be available during enrollment at the beginning of each semester," the release said. "New accounts established during the fall semester will remain active until the 20 day of classes in the spring semester — accounts not renewed in that time will be deactivated."

The release suggested students living in the residence halls should apply for an Ethernet connection instead of the dial-up account.

"Ethernet connections provide a much faster connection and do not require the installations of a modem (however, you will need an Ethernet card installed)."

Students who live in the residence halls should contact the office of Student Residential Life, Agnew 114 or call 628-4245 for more information.

## Tiger's Den set to have the blues

Johnny Coomansingh  
Staff Writer

The University Activities Board at Fort Hays State presents musician Rick Kelley and his Motown Rhythm and Blues Revue at the Tiger's Den today and tomorrow.

The show, which begins at 8 p.m., promises a fun-filled evening.

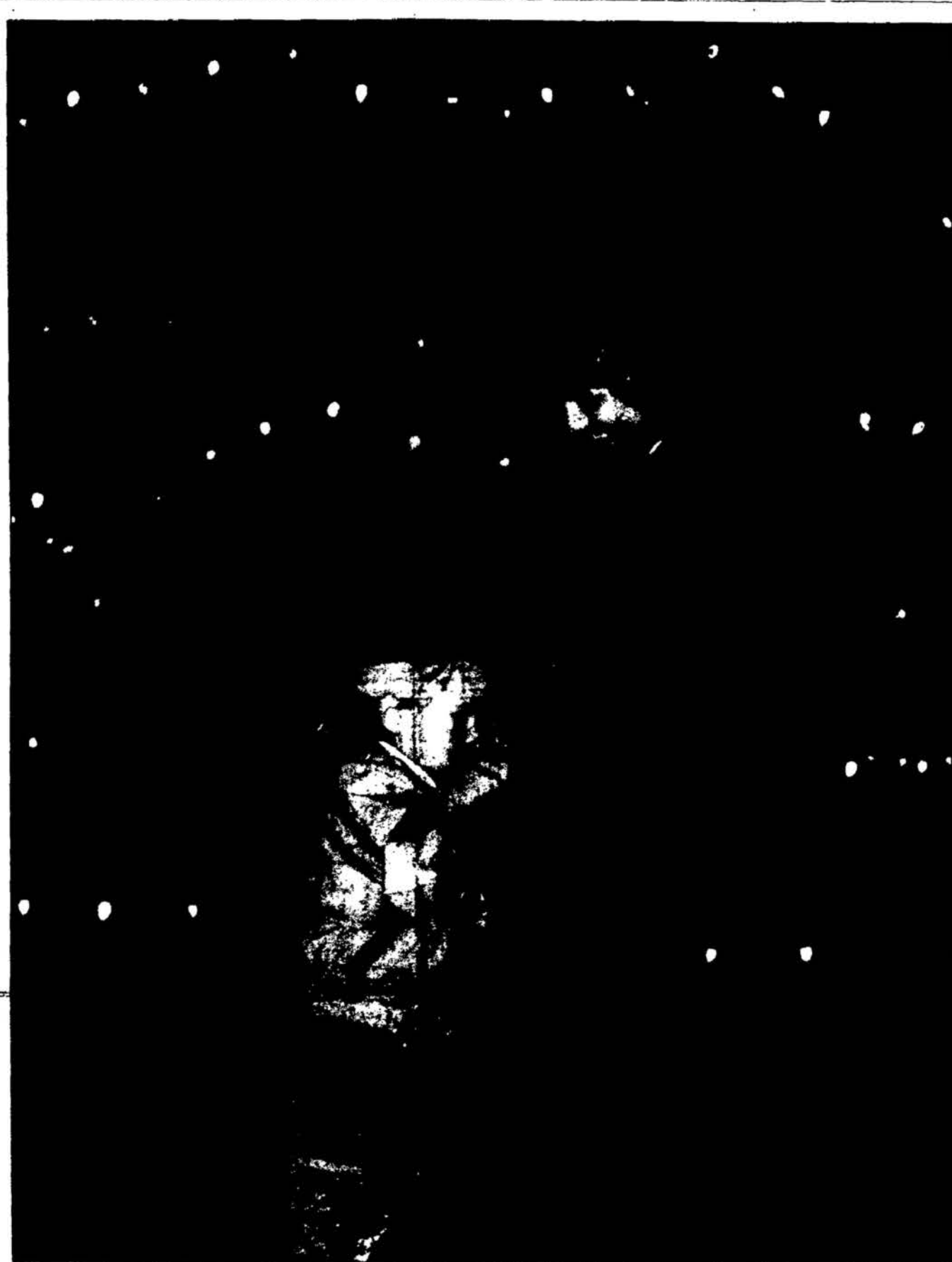
"With finals coming up, this is the perfect event for stress relief. The timing is just right," Eric Tischer, UAB activities coordinator, said.

Kelley, a singer, songwriter and keyboardist, was named Coffeehouse Entertainer of the year four times by the National Association for Campus Activities. He was also named 1993 Male entertainer of the Year, 1995 Best Solo Performer and 1996 Best Small Concert by "Campus Activities Today" magazine readers. His nation-wide, nine month, "Don't Just Sit There" tour includes 120 college campuses.

During his performance, Kelley gets the crowd involved by teaching dances and conducting Hula-Hoop™ and limbo contests. His performances include interpretations of Motown/R&B classics such as songs by Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, Ben E. King, Smokey Robinson and others, along with his own material. Kelley will also do songs on request from members of the audience.

According to Tischer, this is the last event for the year that the UAB will be hosting at absolutely no cost to FHSU students. However, tickets are available at the door at \$4 for the general public and \$3 for faculty/staff.

"Everyone will walk out saying what a great time they had. Go with as many friends as you can, because this would be an experience you'll never forget," Tischer said.



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## 'Tis the season

Lauren Potts, 4, is warmed up by her mother Sheryl Potts, Hays, in front of the Christmas tree near Sheridan Hall at last night's tree-lighting ceremony.

# Runaway rooster raises a stink in Forsyth

Laurie Bean  
Columnist

The question no longer is "which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

The question is, how did the rooster get into the library?

Yesterday afternoon, students and staff at Forsyth Library were surprised to find a rooster standing on a table. It had "nested" in the southwest corner of the first floor.

Until the bird moved, everyone just assumed the bird was a stuffed Thanksgiving decoration.

Elmer Pfeifer, library custodian, was one of the first to notice the rooster.

"It was tame, it didn't try to get away too fast," Pfeifer said.

A student ran to find Lawrence Caylor, director of the library, and Bill Deeds, environmental safety officer, was called.

The bird didn't appear too threatened by the growing crowd. He stayed quietly on the table.

Once Deeds tried to grab the rooster, it relieved itself on the table and jumped to the floor.

The chase was on and the bird squawked in fear.

The bird was in the building for about five minutes, according to Pfeifer.

"The rooster is being housed, until further notice, at a chicken farm south of town," Deeds said.

Pfeifer said all the doors (in the library) have door closures on them. This means the doors close automatically after being opened.

This would make it virtually impossible for a rooster to have just "walked in."

Pfeifer also explained that the doors at the back of the library (where the bird was found) are locked.

Suspicions have been raised that the bird was brought in.

According to a campus police spokesperson, there are no ordinances the police are required to enforce regarding animals being in campus buildings.

## Professor receives Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award

Cathy Reeves  
Staff Writer

Paul Phillips, professor of geoscience/geography, received the Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education at its annual meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif., Nov. 13-16.

The NCGE presented awards to 16 colleges/university professors and 29 K-12 teachers from 19 regions in the United States and Canada. The DTA awards recognize outstanding contributions to geographic education.

Phillips, a member of NCGA for 30 years, was nominated by a fellow professor of geography within the organization for his active involvement in geographic education, both for his long-term teaching and being one of the coordinators of the Kansas Geographic Alliance.

"The KGA exists for the sole purpose of improving K-12

education," Phillips said.

After Phillips' nomination, two professors from FHSU wrote letters of recommendation, as well as letters of recommendation from present and past students, giving their perception of Phillips' teaching.

Three judges from different regions chose among nominees to decide the awardees.

Phillips has been an instructor at FHSU for 29 years and is presently teaching World Geography and U.S. Human Geography.

"In the 29 years I have been teaching at FHSU, there are no majors in geography," he said. "I teach general education students and I think that has shaped my philosophy of teaching," Phillips said.

"I want to keep students in the process of learning. I think general education is very

important. I think this is probably the most important aspect of their educational background.

"Their major will provide them with their economic livelihood, but when they come home at night and they have to make a decision in terms of the world around them, they have to look at the total picture of education. That is where general education comes in," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, general education courses have meaning and reasons for being in the curriculum.

"My philosophy is general education courses should be very rigorous. They should be courses that should, in students' educational process, stand out as courses that have meaning to them."

I think geography has a very important place in general

education because it has the capacity to integrate so many different aspects of knowledge," Phillips said.

"Geography is discipline where you have all kinds of layers of information. You are able to see how one layer impacts on another, and that is kind of the process of critical thinking. I think critical thinking is very important. To go beyond the surface and think about the big picture," Phillips said.

Phillips said he thinks tests should deal with critical thinking.

"I don't think tests should be something where a student parrots back information in a book. If that information is not reasonable, it does not provide you with a body of knowledge then why learn the information?"

"If I give students a piece

of information, I think students ought to be able to ask 'Why am I learning that?' and I ought to be able to tell them that this information fits into a bigger picture," Phillips said.

"I think students need to understand the world is complex, and it's going to take complex thoughtful answers to be able to handle the issues that are out there. My philosophy is to try to get students to think that way, think in ways they have not sometimes thought before," Phillips said.

Phillips philosophy of education is also lifelong learning.

"I still do a lot of reading and studying," Phillips said.

Phillips received a bachelor of science in biology and a master of science degree in geography from the University of Kansas.

Pat Phillips, Phillips wife, was also a recipient of the DTA award for K-12. Pat Phillips is a seventh grade geography teacher at Kennedy Middle School.

## Subjects summoned to thee Madrigal

Tiffani Motley  
Staff Writer

Hear ye, hear ye, it's that time again. The 33 Madrigal Dinner will be presented in Memorial Union on Friday and Saturday at 6:15 p.m.

The Madrigal Dinner is an annual event in December at Fort Hays State. The FHS Singers dress in Medieval costumes and serenade diners.

"(I) love it. I have been to over 40 Madrigal Dinners. (The event) brings a way of starting the Christmas season," Stephen Wood, director of the Memorial Union, said.

This event started out the west wing of the Union, which was originally built for gourmet dinners for the public and each month had a theme. For the month of December, John Thorns was in charge of the dinner and had the idea of an English dinner which included an English meal and music.

"This is a fun event for everybody in the community," Rager Moore, choral director, said.

This year, the FHS Singers will be dressed in costumes from the Renaissance period and performing music from the 1400 to 1600 period and some modern music.

"The 12 Day of Christmas will be the first song to perform, which will put the audience in the mood for Christmas to come. Then followed by soup, salad, beef, chicken and dessert," Moore said.

The Madrigal Dinner is sponsored by Memorial Union Madrigal Committee and the music department. Both groups have been preparing for this event since September.

"This event is a service to the community, not trying to raise money," Moore said.

Tickets can be purchased at the Union. FHSU students can purchase a ticket for \$16 and tickets for the general public cost \$18.



# 'Nature to Nature' opens Friday

Johnny Coomansingh  
Staff Writer

"Nature to Nature," an art exhibition featuring works of Amy Eulert will open Friday at 7 p.m. at the Hays Arts Center, 112 E. 11 St.

The show which runs through to Jan. 10, will exhibit 25 to 30 ceramic pieces as Eulert's presentation towards her master of fine arts degree.

Eulert, Paradise graduate,

received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethany College, Lindsborg, in 1989. After graduating, she spent the next three years teaching art to elementary school children. She received her Master of Arts degree from Fort Hays State in 1995 and will graduate with her Master of Fine Arts in ceramics in the spring of 1997.

Eulert was featured in the exhibition, "Three Men Equals

One Woman," at Dodge City Community College, which ran from Nov. 1 to today. There she exhibited alongside Robert Terrill, Burr Oak graduate, Tim Groom.

Lindsborg undergraduate, and Jon Swindler, Pratt undergraduate.

Eulert is a member of the Kansas Artist Craftsman Association and the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. Recent juried

shows accepting her works include the Russell Original Art Review, The Twenty-Second Annual Prairie Art Exhibition, the Twenty-Seventh Annual Smokey Hill Art Exhibition and the Topeka Competition 20.

"Originally I was a drawing major, but I fell in love with ceramics after the requisite class. It came to me easily," Eulert said.

## Miss Anna

Associated Press

### ARIES

March 21-April 20

Your ideas and information could make the difference, be sure you inform those who can get the wheels turning. Self-sacrifice for the sake of loved ones is a joyful gift. But there are those who might want to take exception to your plans.

### TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Clear communication will be very important. Follow up as soon as possible on all correspondence. You are set to make things happen and now have all you need at your disposal to do so. Changes need to be made at home - the suggestions won't be met with enthusiasm.

### GEMINI

May 22-June 21

An unexpected money gift will give you the chance to try something new. You feel like you're walking off the edge of your usual routine, and the feeling is exhilarating. Take care of your own needs, which

### CANCER

June 22-July 23

Always remember that change is the only constant - for your idea of self may be a bit shaken up now. Attitude is everything when dealing with situations and people out of the norm. There are a few relationships important to you that need attention; be sure to state your needs clearly.

### LEO

July 24-Aug. 23

Something important you have been looking forward to is about to appear. Don't let your ego get the best of you and induce you to do something really risky. You're looking for a leadership role, but the time isn't right. Wait for the perfect moment to make your bid.

### VIRGO

Aug. 24-Sept. 23

All seems quite well this week. In fact, you are probably sitting on top of the world. This satisfaction can come from several areas. Perhaps your love life is improving, or you may have just accomplished

something at work. Pay very close attention to all you hear now.

### LIBRA

Sept. 24-Oct. 23

Although you are an easy going character, you may easily offend someone if you are not at your diplomatic best. Spiritual inspiration comes in the company of like-minded friends. There is a real opportunity for success, but only if you're willing to change.

### SCORPIO

Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all your dealings, especially when issues are in the spotlight. It may be the best time to examine how to best use your talents and abilities, and whether or not you need to shift gears where a job is concerned.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec. 21

The darker side of family members' personalities may emerge if you are dealing with money. Remember that you can only do so much when someone

else controls the situation. A requirement of personal interaction must be that you will be treated as an equal. No need to divulge secrets.

### CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You are in danger of being seduced by something that has an attractive outer appearance, but won't hold up under close scrutiny. If greed is a part of your motivation, put a stop to it immediately. Don't criticize another unless it is done with the compassion.

### AQUARIUS

Jan. 21-Feb. 19

Your energy level is at top speed - slow down and be a bit more cautious. It's time to talk about your need for a great deal of independence in relationships, so there are no uncomfortable surprises later. Clarify your point of view and assure others no offense was meant.

### PISCES

Feb. 20-March 20

Romance is in the picture, but be aware of jealous behavior. Point out that you are no one's

possession. Words of love may get an immediate response, but be assured that you are appreciated. Your primary relationship will distract you from your work if you don't get a grip.

### IF THIS WEEK

#### IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Your daily grind may now become more frantic and all-consuming, which may lead to depleted health. Rest and relaxation are definitely in order for the next several months - to rejuvenate your frazzled energies. Make sure all communications are crystal clear; messages may get easily confused.

### Happy Birthday



—from the Leader

## Agency to present 'Memories'

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will present "Christmas Memories" as its next "Information Day" for older citizens on Dec. 13 at the Grainfield American Legion.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with speakers Bill Cutler and Dona Booe, Topeka, who will speak on the "Transfer of Aging Program." Special vocal music will be presented by the Rev. Carol Moore Ramey, Goodland.

The meeting will conclude with the traditional candle light "caroling" and Christmas tea table.

Reservations for the noon luncheon should be made as soon as possible before Dec. 10. A contribution of \$2 is suggested for the meal.

For more information, call 1-800-432-7422 or 625-5725.

## ECHS offers 'sneak peek' to exhibit

The Ellis County Historical Society announces the opening of "Christmas Even in My Home Town: A Century of Ellis County Christmases." The full exhibit will open with the annual open house Friday and Saturday from 7 - 9 p.m. The open house will feature a wide variety of holiday music, from the Volga German Men's Choir to the Methodist Bell Choir, to the New Old Timers - a bluegrass band from Hill City. There will also be free refreshments, a visit from Santa and special tours to the school house exhibit and the Volga-German house. There is no admission charge to the museum or the open house.

The Ellis County Historical Society is located on the corner of 7th and Main, in downtown Hays. For more information, call or write the Ellis County Historical Society

## F.H.S.U. STUDENTS

*I've got good news for you!*

At last there is a new church designed for those who have given up on traditional church services. Lets face it, most young people aren't active in church.

For 3 years I've asked folks why they don't attend church, their responses were:

*"church services are boring..." "the messages aren't practical, they don't speak to my needs..."*

*"church members are cliquish and judgmental..." "the music drags and is outdated..."*

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# Latin music is more than the 'Macarena,' plays central role in cultures' daily life

Dina Ross  
staff writer

"Everybody's talking about Latin music," reads one of the numerous catalogs I receive monthly. In fact, many people in Hays — and the world, according to the media — have been turned on to Spanish music since the *Macarena* appeared on the dance scene.

But Latin music goes beyond the catchy tunes of the famous song. It plays a central role in keeping communities together, as well as in appreciating who and what people are.

According to Darién J. Davis, assistant professor of History at Middlebury College and author of the book, "Slavery and Beyond: The African Impact on Latin American and the Caribbean," dance is the oldest and liveliest of all the arts.

Dance is known as the "Mother of the Arts," and it is part of every society's culture. Through music and dance, humankind is related to others, regardless of race, age, creed or heritage.

For pre-Hispanic people, music and dance were not only art, but necessary functions of daily life. Music and dance were inseparable.

Dance rituals related to the sun, nature, harvest, religion, rain, hunting, fishing, combat, victory, fertility, marriage, birth, death and burial. Every season had its festival and every festival its distinctive ceremonial dance.

Immigrants from many European countries brought many of their customs and traditions to the New World.

Latin American cultural and musical heritage derives from three major influences: indigenous, Iberian and African.

The main indigenous instruments were reeds, flutes, panpipes, shells as well as stone, bone and clay objects that served as horns and trumpets. The native people also had a vast collection of percussive elements such as drums, scrapers and rattlers—including maracas. The beat is usually persistent and regular.

When the Iberians came to the New World, they brought with them wind and percussion instruments, as well as the string family—of which guitar and its many relatives quickly became an integral part of folk music. Since the Iberians also brought religion, the organ came to be a new

instrument with an important role in the religious and artistic performances.

African music may seem primitive and strange to many Europeans, but it accompanied the slaves to America. The percussive instruments proved to be amazingly compatible with the music of the natives. With the great variety of drums and marimbas, the main contribution from Africa is the complex rhythmic style, which includes the use of voice and hands.

From Europe, the waltz and polka gained wide popularity with the people in the New World. The "contradanza," a latinized form of the English country dance, was also adopted by the people. *Mazurkas*, *schottisches* and *habanera*, a dance from Cuba, set the new standards for ballroom dancing in Latin America. *Cumbia*, a Colombian dance, is also very popular among Latin people.

In the United States, the Hispanic presence has been influencing music for a long time. Carmen Miranda, a Brazilian, made the public aware of the richness of the Latin beat, with the *samba*. Desi Arnaz, a Cuban

immigrant, contributed by bringing Latin music to the television viewers. Elvis Presley, although in English, also used some of the Latin rhythms in a few of his most famous songs.

Since the past decade, there has been a boom—or rebirth—of Spanish music in the United States, with Gloria Estefan leading the way. Her Spanish albums sell like "hot bread," as Mexicans would say.

Texas, a state with more than 23 ethnic groups, has made tremendous contributions to folk dancing. The Czech, German and Polish settlers brought their polkas and folk dances to the Southwest. *Vaquerio* (cowboy) polka patterns had been influenced by the French, Austrian and Spanish aristocracy from Mexico.

In 1995, one of the most amazing phenomena happened in the United States, due to the death of Selena Quintanilla Pérez, a Texan singer who died tragically at the age of 23.

Selena had been singing in Spanish for most of her musical career, since she was a child. But when she died, Selena left some songs recorded in English which

were edited posthumously. According to *Hispanic* magazine, the result of publicity among Hispanic listeners was a bombastic number one hit in the charts, a first for a Hispanic artist.

Since the death of Selena, Spanish music's popularity has been growing in a great manner. Every big city has at least one radio station that broadcasts in Spanish.

In Hays, there is not a station that plays Latin music, so the Spanish-speaking people get together once a month to listen to their music and socialize. These gatherings are sponsored by the Spanish club of FHSU.

This month, the Spanish Club, in conjunction with AmeriCorps, will sponsor a Latin Dance at the Black and Gold Room in the Memorial Union on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this dance. The cover charge will be nonperishable articles which will be donated to the Community Assistance Center of Ellis County.

For more information about this unique event, you may call Ernie Fernandez at 628-4444 or myself, 623-4540.

## Let the count begin

Beth Norman  
Staff Writer

Well it's here again, you know what I'm talking about .... If you have kids, talk at the breakfast table might involve a certain jolly man in a red suit. If you were unfortunate enough to venture out into the melee this last weekend, the mob scene at the mall must have made it clear, it's Christmas-time, yes that jolly exasperating three week countdown to the holiday commonly known as Christmas.

For most of us, the coming weeks are less a time to shop and more of a time to get done that research paper we've been meaning to get started on for the last three months. Shopping if you want to call it that is reserved for the two days before the actual Christmas holiday that comes at the end of the semester.

Look at the person sitting next to you — go on look — do they look a little wild-eyed? Like they haven't gotten enough sleep lately? They may be victims of the other illness that's going around this season. MHSS, or Mid Holiday Stress Syndrome.

This syndrome occurs when a student hasn't gotten enough sleep or has eaten nothing but Christmas Oreos and pop for the last 48 hours in an attempt to get that last project done, the last final taken. You can find a milder version of this syndrome at your local shopping mall, but in my many years of college I have found that this has the strongest effect college students. It's effects range from a wild-eyed panic to the full-fledged sugar rush induced dancing in the quad.

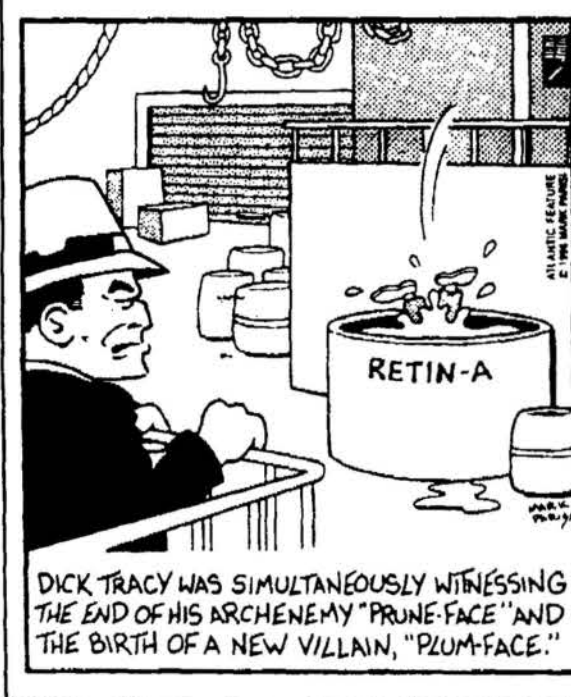
So as we rush head first into yet another popcorn strewn, glittery, sugary, Christmas season, watch out for the fellow victims of MHSS, you never know when it may strike.

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Let the count begin

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



## Breaks ideal time for students to relax

Karl Nuzum  
Staff Writer

Here we are, back from Thanksgiving break feeling a little more rested and a few pounds heavier. But what does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Before the break, some people I know said that Thanksgiving is a useless holiday, but I disagree. I don't feel that it is a celebration concerning Pilgrims and Indians, that little myth isn't exactly relevant to modern life once you get past grade school. The houses donned in the traditional Thanksgiving garb are few and far between now and the stores don't sell as much of the decorations as they used to. It's better just to look at the name and see that it is a time to be thankful for the things we have in life.

I think Thanksgiving is the ideal holiday for college students. It gives us a few days to go home and see the family, which can be very difficult if you have a job along with your classes. Thanksgiving also gives you the opportunity to eat food that is much better than most college students everyday diet consists of.

My mom's food is better than any I can cook and she sends

home enough left overs to feed me and my husband for several days.

One of the most important benefits that I get from this break is some time to rest up before having to shift into "finals mode." Any of you who have been feeling the typical burnout symptoms by this point can relate. If I didn't have this time to wind down, my grades would probably suffer.

Some of you may not have as good of an experience as I did for Thanksgiving, and I apologize if you can't relate. However, the holiday season should be a little uplifting for everyone in some way or another. If you weren't able to go home, at least be thankful you weren't in class. If you had to work, you probably got holiday pay. And if there was absolutely nothing enjoyable for you about the entire Thanksgiving experience, then you can be thankful that it is over and won't be around again for another 359 days.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it is time for the Christmas frenzy to go into full force. I'm sure there are also fans and critics of this holiday, too. The fans can have all the fun they want with the holiday, and the critics can at least look at it as a nice long break and an end to the semester.

Just heed my warning and stay away from the fruitcake. Good luck on finals and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Campus voice

### Reader calls for respect

I would like to address all of Fort Hays State University. I am currently a senior and would like to express my feelings about what I have noticed in the last four years.

On many occasions, I have seen students walking out of class, talking in class and working on papers for other teachers while sitting in another teacher's class. I have witnessed disrespect for teachers as well as students complaining about the amount of work required in a class. Isn't the learning why we came to college?

Often, I hear about term papers in which students have had the whole semester to write. I have found that many of these students have not taken the time to read or the time to do the research assigned to them for these papers.

In the course of a semester, one requirement may be to complete several ten to twenty page typed papers. The individual who has read the material and has attended class should be able to reflect the knowledge learned. However, the student who does not attend class or read the material will not be able to complete the required assignment. All too many times, I hear the students complain about the teachers, when in fact the trouble lies with the student who is not accepting the responsibility for his/her own actions, or lack of action.

True, there are also teachers who need to improve their teaching skills, update material, rewrite old tests and show student they really wish to teach them. However, even these teachers need the students to show respect, along with the effort of coming to class to learn.

After all, we are not children who should need to be told repeatedly what we need to do. We are adults training for a profession, and that training has to start here.

Douglas C. Rich  
Hays senior

## Community voice

### FHSU Theatre production choices questioned

To whom it may concern:

For the past 15 years, I have had season tickets to the theatre series at Fort Hays State.

I attended the plays on Nov. 21, and the content of the play "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You" offended me greatly. "The Chairs" was the most ridiculous play I have ever seen.

There must be other quality plays available to use in your theatre department. It will be questionable as to whether I will purchase another season ticket.

Shirley Higgins  
McCracken resident

## Holiday shopping woes

Brandie Elliot  
Staff Writer

As you may have already noticed, the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year.

Retailers entice the public to come in and buy with promises of free gifts, free refreshments and spectacular savings.

I have always enjoyed those marathon shopping trips the day after Thanksgiving — it's a family tradition. I also love a challenge and I thrive on chaos. But I was not expecting anything like this. It was crazy out there.

I, too, was lured from the safety of my home by the plethora of advertisements bombarded at me via the television and newspaper. Rather than miss out on a once-in-a-lifetime sale, I braved the crowds and ventured out onto the battlefield.

I have never seen so many people in one place at one time. People were running around like they lost their heads, grabbing things right and left. It was beyond chaotic.

Is it just me, or do people seem awfully rude this time of year? Just the other day, I went to a crafts show with my mother. While looking at a display of doll clothes for my little sister, I was elbowed in the ribs and pushed to the side by a seemingly sweet little old lady. Apparently I was in her way, therefore I was in the wrong. My bad.

My point is, (yes, I do have one) that it seems as though people have forgotten what the true spirit of Christmas is. How many remember? Not many.

For me, shopping on Friday was a big mistake. I should have stayed home and watched *Days of Our Lives*.

WHAT'S THE PRACTICAL USE OF THOSE GIANT BELT BUCKLES COWBOYS WEAR?







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Tiger senior Mark Eck and Ottawa University senior Ryan Nelson watch helplessly as the ball is thrown out of bounds in Saturday's 104-49 victory over the Braves in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

## Tigers play RMAC opener Friday

Chad Simon  
Staff Writer

The Fort Hays State men's basketball team will encounter a couple of firsts when they play Western State University Friday.

It will be the first road game for the Tigers and it will be the first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game for the Tigers.

The Tigers continued its winning ways with two wins over Thanksgiving break and a win over Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The wins brought the Tigers to 5-0 on the early season.

FHSU played host to Ottawa University, Nov. 30. The Tigers trailed by five points early before Sherick Simpson, forward, scored on a layup at the 17:04 mark in the first half.

The Tigers then built a 28-7 lead in the next seven minutes with guard Earl Tyson's three-point shot.

FHSU went into the locker room at halftime with a 33-22 score. Alonzo Goldston and Tyson led the Tigers with 14 and 11 points respectively. The FHSU bench scored OU's bench 17-6 at the half.

FHSU started the second half with a 16-2 run to up the lead to 69-24 before OU made a three-point basket. FHSU built and maintained a 49-point lead throughout most of the second half. The Tigers finished the game with a 55-point win and a final score of 104-49. Six Tigers finished the game with double figures.

Nov. 25, FHSU played host to Tabor College (1-4). The Tigers trailed at halftime before going on to a

89-59 win, and moving to 4-0 on the season.

The Tigers trailed 34-31 at halftime. "That was about as bad as we've played in six years. We came out very flat," Gary Garner, head coach, said.

At one point, Garner benched all five of his starters, trying to light a fire under his team.

"We just weren't ready to play. I think we took them lightly. It's a good thing we picked up our intensity in the second half," Mark Eck, forward and co-captain, said.

Eck hit two free throws four-and-a-half minutes into the second half. From there, the Tigers never trailed FHSU out-scored Tabor 58-24 in the second half on the way to a final score of 89-58.

Goldston, center, led the way with 26 points. Twenty of his points came in the second half.

After an emotional win over Washburn University, ranked No. 3 in the nation, Garner was worried about an emotional letdown against Northwestern Oklahoma State when they made a visit to Gross Memorial Coliseum, Nov. 23.

Northwestern stayed with the Tigers for the first half of play, only trailing by a score of 34-27 at halftime.

The Tigers came out in the second half and raised their intensity once again on their way to a 16-point and 70-54 win. Once again, Goldston led the way with 28 points. Earl Tyson was the only other Tiger in double figures with 10 points.

## Intramural refs earn stripes for year

Julie Jones  
Staff Writer

Whistles are blowing and sneakers are squeaking. Screams of excitement and expressions of frustration can be heard throughout the building. This may sound like a night at Gross Memorial Coliseum with the undefeated Tigers playing another game, but it is a night of intramural action in the gyms of Cunningham Hall.

The university intramural program offers over 158 different activities every year, and with this vast amount of activities, finding people to help make each event successful can prove to be a challenge, especially finding students to take on the huge responsibility of officiating competitions.

There are activities going on almost every night, and there are some students who spend four of five nights a week in Cunningham Hall officiating games.

"I never get tired of coming out here. I enjoy the sport (volleyball) and since I played in high school and don't in college, it's a good way to stay active

in it," Michelle McPeak, an intramural official for the last three years and a certified official for the past two years, said.

"The officials are all work study students working for minimum wage. There are a lot of other work study jobs that are much easier, but these students come out here and work every night because they care about the program and they love what they are doing," Ron Haag, intramural director, said.

"Intramural competition is the hardest type of competition to officiate," Haag said. "The officials have to officiate peers and often good friends. The teams aren't structured so they can have a hard time trying to anticipate what may happen." Sports officiating is the only job that when you first start, you're expected to be perfect and only get better."

The intramural program here, and at any other college, gives students the opportunity to participate and stay active in the sports they love without the pressure that comes with varsity

level competition. The officiating cannot be expected to be on the same level as that of varsity competition, but in the heat of competition, when tempers are hot, calls have been questioned and arguments have arisen.

"It is the participants responsibility to have fun, and it is my responsibility to make sure that the officials are doing their jobs. Instead of being questioned, they should be respected," Haag said.

As another evening of intramural activities comes to a close, nets are being taken down, gyms are being cleaned and stats are being figured. The officials slip their whistles into their pockets and head home to study for the test they have the next day, or to work on the paper that is due in eight hours. They have given up their evening to earn a little extra money, but most importantly, doing something they love and care about.

"I have a great staff and I am very proud of them, without them, this program would be nonexistent," Haag said.

## Cross country members end season

Nick Schwien  
Sports Editor

The cross country team topped off a successful season with a trip to Arcata, Calif. on Nov. 23 to compete in the 1996 Division II Cross Country Championships.

The Lady Tigers took seven runners to this event. They were Jennifer West, Abilene senior, Stacy Weatherman, Sylvan Grove junior, Summer Green, Kearney, Neb. sophomore, Jamie Lightwine, Desoto freshman, Chandra Russell, McPherson junior, Lisa Davies, McPherson sophomore, and Dena Saenger, Salina senior.

West placed 39 to pace the Lady Tigers to a 14 place finish out of 17 total teams. There was approximately 130 runners in the women's race.

The only member of the men's team to qualify for the national meet was T.J. Trout, Minneapolis senior. Trout placed 48 out of approximately 129 runners.

The Tiger runners experienced many difficulties on their trip to and from Calif. On the way to nationals, the team encountered weather and airplane problems. This made the team a full day late to the meet at Arcata. The Tigers also experienced problems on their way home, and ended up being stranded in Portland, Ore. an extra day.

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