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GRADUATION is more than just a CEREMONY

Wasana Dusitakorn
the university leader

Congratulations to the approximately 985 students who will graduate this year and participate in graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 17.

Lisa Karlin, assistant alumni director of the Alumni Association, said that the upcoming activities for graduating seniors will be checking out caps and gowns for commencement May 14-16 at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"The next event is the Graduate's Brunch. It will be on Friday, May 16 at Memorial Union in the Fort Hays Ballroom. The purpose is to honor graduating students and to recognize nominees for the torch and pilot awards," Karlin said.

Karlin said that the university will hold its commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"I don't know that there will be anything different from last year. I think that the picture will be about the same. The only problem was they were questioning how to make the ramp for the handicapped, but other than that I believe it is going to be the same," Karlin said.

Deborah Herrman, from the registrar's office said, "Students who may participate in the procession include those who completed graduation requirements in summer 1996, fall 1996 and candidates for spring 1997. An estimated total of 985 students will graduate."

The number of graduating students this year has decreased by 81 from last year. Last year there were 1,066 graduates compared to this year estimated 985.

Kansas Board of Regents member William R. Docking will be the speaker at this year's graduation. Docking holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Kansas. He is a member of professional in many boards and associations. He now works at the Union State Bank.

It has advantages SUMMER SCHOOL

Michelle Jones
the university leader

As some look forward to the lazy days of summer and returning home to visit family or friends, others return to the same atmosphere they have experienced all year long. Well, almost.

Regardless of the reason, many students and professors return to campus in June for the summer semester.

According to the Office of University Relations, enrollment for the 1996 summer semester totaled 2,939 students while spring and fall semester totals exceeded 5,000 students.

For the summer '97 semester, the modern language department is offering the full ten hours of Spanish. According to Dr. Ruth Firestone, chair of the department of Modern Languages, enrollment numbers were the main reason behind this. "We have to enroll a minimum number of students in a course in order to offer it. It worked out for Spanish courses," Firestone said.

Summer courses can provide another option for students needing to pick up a class to maintain classification or to graduate. Dr. Lee Van Dorsten, assistant professor of sociology, sees many advantages for the students. "It allows a student to pick up a class not offered in the regular semester," Van Dorsten said, "so that they can maintain classification as a junior or senior and so on."

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Provost changes

Beth Norman
the university leader

The Provost announced Wednesday that the academic senate/student association decided to change the grading policy for incomplete grades. Under the new policy, students have one year to remove the incomplete from their transcript, or the grade will change to a U. This policy is effective for the current semester. Students with an incomplete grade on their transcripts prior to this semester are still under the old system.

In addition, academic senate changed the policy on improving a grade. The new policy will allow students to repeat or improve a grade in a class taken only at Fort Hays State University.

Sternberg Museum



Additional funding may be in the future

Lesley Bartlett
the university leader

Additional funding may be in the future for the Sternberg Museum. According to Eber Phelps, state representative, the house recently passed the Omnibus Appropriations Bill which could mean a \$250,000 Economic Development Initiative Fund for the museum in the form of a challenge grant. The university would have to match the grant with non-state sources or private funds.

"This may revitalize Fort Hays' efforts to finish funding for Sternberg," Phelps said.

According to Jerry Choate, director of

Sternberg Museum, the grant would help to speed the process of the remodeling, but since the bill has not been signed by the governor, no speculation has been made on the effect this grant may have on an opening date.

"We just can't set a date for the museum to open until the rest of the money needed is in hand," Choate said.

Remodeling of the museum is scheduled to continue throughout the summer months. Currently, the main attraction, known as the Cretaceous Walk-Through Diorama, is about two thirds complete with workers progressing on the



Above: Mike Pryor of Jayhawk Fire Sprinkler Co. Inc. runs sprinkler head lines to the sprinkler heads in the top of an exhibit in the Sternberg Museum Wednesday.

Left: Brian Breese hangs sprinkler lines during the installation of the fire sprinkler system in the Sternberg Museum Wednesday.

—Mark Bowers / The University Leader

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JERRY CHOATE
director of Sternberg Museum

lower level of the attraction throughout the summer.

Along with the progress of the main attraction, there are approximately 30 exhibits that will be under construction during the summer as well.

Grey Laggett, administrative assistant, said that each of these exhibits will require written text, work on display design and individualized mountings.

"Each of these exhibits is unique,

therefore, each mounting must be unique as well," Laggett said.

Many of these exhibits and research collections will remain in the old building during the summer and will not be transported to their new locations until the remodeling is closer to completion.

As part of the completion process, the inner structure of the new building must be finished. Workers are currently installing a sprinkler system, as required by the fire marshal, and are continuing to work on the heating and air conditioning systems.

Construction of the new road from 2nd Street to the museum, which will be named Sternberg Boulevard, is also expected to be complete by the end of the summer.

Currently in progress at Sternberg Museum...

- Cretaceous Walk-Through Diorama
- 30 other exhibits
- Interior sprinkler installation
- Construction of Sternberg Boulevard

Spring 1997 Final Schedule

M-W-F Classes

Class Time	Date	Exam Time
7:30	May 13	7:30
8:30	May 13	8:30
9:30	May 13	9:30
10:30	May 13	10:30
11:30	May 13	11:30
12:30	May 13	12:30

Basic Algebra & College Algebra
Saturday May 10 @ 1:00

Tuesday-Thursday Classes

Class Time	Date	Exam Time
7:30	May 13	7:30
9:05	May 15	9:05
9:30	May 15	9:30
10:30	May 13	10:30
12:05	May 15	12:05
12:30	May 13	12:30
1:30	May 13	1:30
3:05	May 15	3:05
3:30	May 15	3:30
6:30	May 13	6:30



Jenny Cross
the university leader

Unbeknownst to many, individuals, organizations and companies must now be licensed to use Fort Hays State University's identifiers, identifying marks or any images which can be interpreted as representing FHSU.

This program was brought about to "stimulate public support of the university through commercial licensing agreements and also protects the institution from any liability connected to unauthorized manufactured product," Mary Ridgeway, Licensing Program Assistant Manager, said.

The one-time \$50 licensing agreement grants licensees the non-exclusive right to use FHSU identifiers. In addition, the licensee pays a seven percent royalty fee to FHSU's contracting agent, Licensing Resource Group, Inc., at the point of manufacture.

"The seven percent royalty fee has not affected us financially. I think it's kind of ridiculous that we have to pay it, but it's the only way we're allowed to print FHSU logos on anything,"

Jim Girvan, Manager of The Print Shop, 110 Centennial Circle, said.

"To date the money gathered from the seven percent royalty fee is in a fund controlled by President Edward H. Hammond, and the only thing it has been used for is the publication of the licensing program itself," Ridgeway, said.

It's important that people are aware of the licensing program because "the FHSU Office of University Relations grants special waivers of the royalty fee to registered student organizations, FHSU faculty and staff using the identifiers for official university business, FHSU affiliate organizations for non-revenue generating projects," Ridgeway, said.

However, even though you know your product qualifies for the waiver, all art for the products must be approved in writing by the office of University Relations prior to manufacture and produced by a licensed vendor.

For more information or for response to other inquiries, contact Mary Ridgeway at (913) 628-4521 or Bob Lowen, Licensing Program manager at (913) 628-4206.

Do students let off for walking on the grass? Myth?

Laurie Bean
the university leader

Every student has heard it. The rumor persists every year. If a student gets caught walking on the grass, they will be fined.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no actual violation. According to Don Smith, coordinator of public safety for Fort Hays State police department, there is no law against walking on the grass.

"If you're not in class, go find a tree to sit under," Smith said.

Smith said the campus police department encourages students to participate in activities sponsored in the quad.

According to Eric Tincer, University Activities Board advisor, the university tries to keep activities in the quad to a minimum.

This helps reduce any damage that may be caused to the grass.

Tincer also provides the grounds department with advance notice to prepare the quad for an event.

"As far as having activities in the quad, I think it's great," John Ross, University Card Center director, said.

"While there may not be a policy against (walking on the grass), we do have a beautiful campus," Ross, said.

Ross added that when students cut corners or walk across the quad, a path is created, detracting from the beauty of the campus.

In the past, the Leader has reported on the mysterious fine. It seems we may have made a mistake.

Either way, the myth may now be dispelled. Students may freely roam the quad and other grassy areas.

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three day weather outlook

Friday	hi 74° low 36°
Saturday/Sunday	hi 80° low 50°
Monday	hi 66° low 54°

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Other advantages range from smaller classes to better information retention.

According to Sue Strohkirch, assistant professor of communication, the atmosphere of the summer semester differs slightly. "The atmosphere is a lot less formal, classes tend to be smaller so the instructor is able to work more on a one to one basis with students."

According to Josephine Squires, assistant professor of political science, meeting on a daily basis helps with better retention.

"The big advantage is that there is a daily flow of events in the classroom. Students who come every day for three hours don't lose the information over the next day or over the weekend as much," Squires said.

"We can follow news issues on a daily basis better than when we only meet three days a week."

The major disadvantage in summer courses tends to be the time element. "Time is short and it goes like the wind. You feel rushed trying to present the material and you worry about the students and whether or not they're absorbing it," Firestone said.

"The hard part is keeping the students' attention," Van Dorsten said. "When you have a class running one hour, 45 minutes or longer the more you lose students."

Whatever the reason for remaining at summer school, one should be appreciative the option even exists.

"I think we should realize we're lucky to have this program," Firestone said. "Many colleges don't."



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Campus

Students receiving summer financial aid... who have been awarded work study for the summer semester... stop by the Financial Aid Office in Custer 307 or call 628-3271.

Student-directed, one-act play to open
The Dumb Waiter, by Harold Pinter, will open tomorrow in Felsen-Start Theatre in Minsky Hall. Admission is free to the 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows. The play is about hit-men waiting for their target.

Intersivity Christian Fellowship Gathering
Come join the group for fun, snacks, and relaxation at Sodic's volleyball court on May 15 at 6 p.m. The group will also be playing putt-putt golf afterwards. To have questions answered, call Phil and Jennifer at 628-1825.

Professors retire
Four professors will retire from teaching at Fort Hays State University. Those retiring include Tom Griffith, associate professor of business administration; Claire Matthews, associate professor of communication disorders; Jack McCullick, professor of economics and finance; and Ruth Pruitt, instructor of mathematics and computer science.

Players Club will announce winners
The Players Club of Fort Hays State University has selected the nominees for the Players Awards. The winners will be announced at the annual awards banquet, Saturday, May 10. Nominations were made by the director of each FHSU Theater production. Awardees are chosen by audience members.

Thesis Exhibition open
Christina Gibson, Hoisington graduate student, is showing works in partial fulfillment of her master of arts degree requirements, with an emphasis in printmaking and a minor in drawing. Steve Workman, Horton graduate student, is exhibiting pieces toward his master of fine arts degree, with an emphasis in printmaking and a minor in sculpture.

The exhibit will continue until May 16 in the Moss Thorns Gallery of Art, Rarick 103. Hours of the gallery are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Psi Chi will hold final meeting
Psi Chi will hold its final meeting for the year on Tuesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. in West Annex 304. Officers will be elected for the 1997-1998 term. For more information, call Tiffany at 628-8363.

Reserve a spot at brunch
All graduating seniors, their guests and faculty members are invited to the Graduate/Faculty Brunch on May 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fort Hays Ballroom in Memorial Union. A general reception will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the Sunset Lounge. Tickets are complimentary for graduating seniors and \$8 for guests and faculty. Call 628-4430 or stop by the Alumni Office in Custer Hall to reserve your tickets. Advance reservations are requested.

Annual faculty meeting set
The annual faculty meeting will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Black and Gold Room in the Union.

Refrigerator and microwave check-ins set
Refrigerator and microwave check-in for Residence Hall Association is set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following:
• Monday, May 12 — McMIndes Hall
• Wednesday, May 14 — Wiest Hall
• Thursday, May 15 — Wiest Hall
To receive a deposit back, the refrigerator and microwave need to be cleaned out.

Classes omitted from fall schedule
All of the ENG 126 Introduction to Literature section were inadvertently left out of the 1997 Fall Class Schedule. The classes available for the fall semester are:
• 1502 ENG 126B Intro to Lit 3 11:30-12:20 MWF DH 204 303 Meade 30
• 1507 ENG 126C Intro to Lit 3 1:30-2:45 TT RH 312 305 Meade 30

Kansas artists encouraged to enter work
Kansas artists may enter their postcard-sized artwork in the twelfth Kansas Artists Postcard Competition. The artwork is due to the Association of Community Arts Agencies of Kansas (ACAANK) office by June 2, 1997. Entries must be original two-dimensional artworks of postcard size, 4 1/4 x 6 inches. Photography and textile works are not eligible. Competition guidelines can be obtained from local arts agencies and councils throughout the state, or from ACAANK. Call (913) 825-2700.

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Today's Question ... Do you think the Timothy McVeigh trial will eclipse the O.J. trial as the trial of the century?



Kayla Schawe
Spearville sophomore

"I think it is more significant, because it affected all of us, not just one family."



Sherri Unrein
Jennings graduate student

"It will be its own trial of the century, because the emotions and subject matter are completely different."



Katie Shank
Hanston junior

"I think it will overshadow the O.J. trial because it affected many more people and it evoked more emotion."



Cory Betz
Hanston sophomore

"I think it will because it affected a lot more people a lot more deeply."



Chris Bogenhagen
Junction City senior

"No, I don't think people are watching it closely enough to make a difference."



Andrew Debes
Clyde junior

"No, because McVeigh wasn't in the limelight prior to the trial."

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

MY ONLY ADVICE, MR. GUMBY, IS THAT YOU SHOULD TRY TO USE THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR BRAIN A BIT MORE...



Senators clarify SGA

In response to Casey Woods' — oops, we mean Jason Dyro's — letter in Tuesday's issue, allow us to take the time to put an end to this debate of what the Student Government Association (SGA) does, who SGA serves, how the SGA meetings are operated and why SGA's dignity is still in tact.

SGA is a group of students that cares enough about the rest of the student population to protect them from unlawful, unethical and unjust treatment from others. SGA is conducted in accordance to the student-written laws of the SGA Constitution and by an efficient tool called Parliamentary Procedure.

The new Constitution was passed by you, the students, in January. After being ratified, the Constitution was put into practice.

At the time of installment, a problem related to the Allocation Committee's deadlines arose. This problem was the basis of the recent concerns brought before SGA.

Unfortunately, the students who brought forth these concerns, were senators who felt they had more important obligations than attending the crucial meeting that finalized this year's allocation process.

To further clarify, consideration of the allocations bill was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances — advisors were out of town and the committee extended deliberations — and not one senator ever expressed prior concern with this delay.

As for Parliamentary Law, it is a tool used to make meetings operate more efficiently, but it should never be used to provide any person or group with an opportunity to fulfill a personal vendetta.

As for being Dr. Hammond's "puppets," he has the right to look over any piece of legislation the SGA passes. It is his job to recommend proper and justifiable actions to the vice president and president of SGA.

Dr. Hammond has never overridden an allocation bill presented to him by the SGA.

We would like to end with a quote from Abraham Lincoln — "It is not my job to interpret the Constitution, but it is my duty to protect it from those who wish to pervert it."

Senators:

Peter Olson
Hoxie senior
Julie Nelson
Lincoln sophomore
Suzanne Pollman
Topeka junior
Jessica Sadowsky
Little River junior

Christine Schelbmeir
Salina senior
Jennifer Watkins
Topeka senior
Eric Goodman
Silver Lake junior
Tim Erickson
Scandia senior

School year was a success

Bryan Valentine
the university leader

Well, the semester is almost over. Boy, what a year it has been. The campus has seen quite a few changes over the year. The McMinder Hall East Living Room is getting a face lift. Plans are in the works for renovations of Albertson, McCartney, Martin Allen and Picken Halls. The grass is being replaced throughout the quad, to make the space even prettier than it was before. Not only is the campus changing, so is the athletic program. Fort Hays State has some bragging rights. The Tiger track men's and women's team are both nationally ranked. They have even broken many FHSU and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference records. The debate team had a very successful year and ended the season nationally ranked. Bob Smith, wrestling coach, and Gary Garner, men's

basketball coach, were named Coach of the Year.

Bob Cortese, football coach, is going to be inducted into the Coca-Cola Hall of Honor in Mesa, Colo.

Tom Mahon, women's basketball coach, reached the 100 games win mark.

Before a record crowd, the women's basketball team beat nationally ranked Lopers of University of Nebraska-Kearney in overtime.

Despite getting beat in the North Central Regional finals, the men's basketball team posted a 64-2 record over the past two years.

Academics is taking on new proportions.

The use of the Internet in the classroom is becoming popular. New computers went on-line around campus, especially in the residence halls.

Edward Hammond's "Hi-tech, Hi-touch" is being used in full force.

With all of the accomplishments, this will give the graduates something to look back on and the incoming freshman something to look forward to.

New editor-in-chief addresses readers

Hello, Leader readers! I've been addressing you as a writer for a semester now.

For a couple of my columns, I've seen reader feedback in print — and I've received verbal reader feedback quite often.

Great! By receiving this input, I know that people are actually reading *The Leader*.

These contributions also allow me to understand, as readers, how you feel about these issues: what bothers you about the paper and world events, what you find appealing about the paper and world events and your overall expectations of the paper and events you actively participate in.

I appreciate input from all facets of the university and community. You all are important to me and the paper. What use does a paper have if it has no readers? NONE. My goal is to assign stories to writers that will give readers something worthwhile to read while covering the issues that affect your lives. Let *The Leader* know if something newsworthy is going on in your life or other peoples' lives that you know. We may not realize that something exciting is happening if you don't tell us first.

We are journalists, not psychics — we do not have the powers of Extra Sensory Perception. If you do, let us know, also. I'm sure we could find a spot on our staff for your special abilities!

In this issue, and next fall, I have changed roles. My new role in life (referring back to my first column) is editor-in-chief for this publication. As the new editor, I hope to make a few changes in the fall semester that will be reader-appealing. If you have any wonderful ideas for paper-improvement that I have not yet heard, please, contact me. My e-mail address is GR14@fhsuvm.fhsu.edu. Otherwise, I will be taking 10 hours this summer and can be found on campus and working for this publication this summer.

Have a great summer! See you again in the fall.



AMY

STEPHANIE

Murder at 1600

Starring: Wesley Snipes
Rated: R

If you want to see a movie that is bursting with excitement and action, "Murder at 1600" is the show for you.

"Murder" stars Wesley Snipes as Detective Harlan Regis who is a homicide cop in Washington D.C.

A murder at the White House leads to an investigation, which brings Regis into the White House. While there, Regis manages to get under the skin of Nick Spikings (Daniel Benzali) and Nina Chance (Diane Lane) who are both secret service agents.

The plot thickens as Regis tries to find the killer. He unknowingly stumbles onto a cover-up/conspiracy that makes the Watergate scandal look like a cake walk. This movie shows how twisted Washington can be, with lies and scandals behind every door.

This movie has several humorous moments which help alleviate some of the tension. The entire plot shows Regis to be a savvy and gutsy homicide cop, who is just trying to do his job.

"Murder at 1600" also stars Alan Alda as Alvin Jordan, Secretary of Defense, Dennis Miller as Regis' buddy, Detective Stengel, and Ronny Cox as President Jack Neil.

This movie has an extricate plot which will keep you guessing until the end.

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Take me to the CHECKERED FLAG

New sports bar to open in June

Kevin Jones
the university leader

The "Checkered Flag," a sports bar and restaurant, will soon be opening where Richard's Real Pit Barbecue used to be (1101 Elm).

The restaurant will be non-smoking and its primary theme will be auto racing. The married owners of the restaurant are Andy and Kimette Goch. They moved to Hays recently from Los Angeles, Calif.

Andy is the brother-in-law of Curt Brungardt, director of Leadership studies at Fort Hays State.

Curt and his wife, Angie, have helped

32-foot long picture of the Daytona International Speedway. The stock cars on the picture are 10-feet long, also the actual front of a race car is in the restaurant. Another unique object the restaurant will have is a Suzuki 750 racing bike mounted on the wall.

Last, but not least, one whole wall of the restaurant will be made of race car tires. The tires used came from racers Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Bill Elliott, among others.

Curt has been to numerous sports bars in cities across the U.S. One of the places that he got some ideas from for the "Checkered Flag," was a sports bar called

"Cruisin'" in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The restaurant will have 10 life-size pictures of Fort Hays State athletes in the "Tiger Section" of the

"(The sportsbar) will be a good place for student organizations to have meetings."



CURT BRUNGARDT
director of leadership studies

out with ideas for the restaurant, and they will both work there. Curt will be a bartender, something he has always wanted to be, and Angie will be a manager.

The "Checkered Flag" is tentatively scheduled to open on June 15.

There is the possibility that some Kansas City Chief players will be at the grand opening.

The inside of the restaurant has been completely gutted and remodeled. The new look boasts many unique features not associated with restaurants in this part of the state.

The centerpiece of the restaurant is a

restaurant.

"(The sportsbar) will be a good place for student organizations to have meetings," Brungardt said.

He also said it would be a good place to bring recruits that are in town visiting the university.

The menu will consist of salads, grilled chicken, hamburgers and cheeseburgers.

The place will have five monitors and a big screen television.

The "Checkered Flag" will also be able to tune in to any National Football League game that is playing. This is an added benefit, because the NFL only shows certain games in certain regions.



Curt Brungardt, director of Leadership Studies, stands in his still under construction sports bar "Checkered Flag," 1101 Elm Street, yesterday afternoon. The bar/restaurant will feature a racing theme. —Mark Bowers / The University Leader

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National Student Exchange

Program offers exciting opportunities

Christy J. Briggs
the university leader

Imagine being able to go to school in another state, or even Guam or Puerto Rico.

The National Student Exchange offers students this opportunity.

"The National Student Exchange is a consortium of colleges and universities across the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam that facilitate up to a one-year exchange for students," Lisa Heath, assistant vice-president for student affairs, said.

On average, five to 10 students participate in the NSE every year.

Heath said there is no common place for Fort Hays State students to exchange to. However, the students do tend to go to the coasts most often.

Heath feels the students choose the coasts because "it is so different geographically. Students get to experience a different climate."

"They often go to schools in bigger cities—so that's a different environment," Heath said.

"Then they (the students) are looking to get some other kinds of classes and other kinds of experiences."

Heath says that often times students have lived all their lives in Kansas, so they use the NSE as an opportunity to travel and see more of the country.

"When you live some place, it is different than visiting it for two weeks. So they really can experience different

cultures, cuisines, different climates," Heath said.

"And most importantly, they can take course work that they may not be able to take here and really add the educational experience that college is — that's the most important thing. But those other things are nice facets of the program as well."

Currently FHSU students are exchanging at the University of Minnesota, the University of Missouri—Columbia, Oregon State University and Southern Oregon State College.

Next year students will be attending the University of Massachusetts—Amherst, the University of Montana, the University of Oregon and the University of Puerto Rico—Mayaguez.

Brian Gerstner, Hays junior, will be exchanging to the University of Montana

next year.

"It seemed like an awesome opportunity for me," Gerstner said. "I have always loved the northwest."

To be eligible for the NSE, a student must be a full-time student at the time of ones application and must remain a full-time student while on exchange.

The students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on the 4.0 scale.

The 2.5 or higher GPA is required at the time of application and at the completion of the term prior to exchange.

If a student's GPA falls below 2.5 after the exchange, the exchange will be canceled.

One must be in good standing — academic, financial and social/behavioral. The good standing guidelines are set up by the home campus.

Most applications require a current transcript, letters of recommendation, goal statements for the exchange, basic biographic data and an application fee. Plus, some colleges require a personal interview.

There are two payment plans for the NSE.

With plan A, tuition and fees are assessed at the in-state rate of the host campus. On plan B, tuition and fees are what the home campus' are.

Most host campuses require students to purchase or show proof of health insurance.

"My participation in the program gave me the confidence to take advantage of new and different opportunities in my professional, as well as my personal life," Anne Peterson, Trenton State College to the University of New Mexico, said in the NSE Directory of Exchange Opportunities.

"The National Student Exchange was, without question, the best experience I had in college."

"NSE was one way I was able to prove to myself and future employers that I was responsible and capable," Kimberly Seidel, Portland State University to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, said in the NSE Directory of Exchange Opportunities.

"NSE challenged me to become more independent and aggressive. I had to learn to adapt to new people and new places."

There is also a web site that students can look at to learn more about the program. The address is: <http://www.snybuf.edu/~nse/>.



Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity serves, develops friendship, leadership skills

Ella Siemers
the university leader

Alpha Phi Omega, a new service fraternity started in January, is about friendship.

"We take an individual and develop their leadership skills and friendship skills," Randy Leiker, vice-president, said. "Hopefully, by the time they graduate, they are an individual with influence in the community."

The group currently has 12 to 13 members and four sponsors.

The fraternity hopes to have one service project and one fund raiser each month.

"We are getting ready to try to clean the area of Big Creek around the dorms," Leiker said.

RHA members to attend national conference, compete, present programs

Brandie Elliott
the university leader

Fort Hays State's Residence Halls Association will send 10 members to attend the National Association Conference of University Residence Halls at Ball State University in Indianapolis, Ind.

"We are leaving Wednesday, May 21, for the four-day conference and returning Monday, May 26," Eric Grospitch, Wiest Hall's RHA advisor, said.

The 10 members will compete in a display and banner competition. The banners and displays entered into the competition not only have to go along with the theme of the competition (this year's theme is "Setting the Pace"), but they must also describe the qualities of the campus.

The FHSU members will compete against small schools around the U.S. as well as a few Canadian

provinces.

"It's a good chance for students to find out about activities and leadership activities happening on other campuses," Grospitch said.

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ERIC GROSPITCH
Wiest Hall RHA advisor

program, "the people are given a topic for a program and they have a certain amount of time to make banners, posters, and stuff and the top three will win a prize," Valentine said.

Companion program serves, makes a difference

Ella Siemers
the university leader

The Senior Companion Program, sponsored by Fort Hays State, is a service for the elderly in the community.

"The Program provides an opportunity for seniors to serve other seniors," Jolene Niernberger, director of the Senior Companion Program, said.

The service they provide helps others live independently in their homes instead of moving to expensive institutional care, according to a Senior Companion brochure.

To become a Companion, the individual must be 60-years-old, low-income and must work 20 hours a week.

The Companions earn a small

stipend and become trained in specific topics such as Alzheimer's disease, strokes, diabetes and mental health.

There are approximately 130 Companions and they serve more than 500 seniors in five counties. The counties are Ellis, Rush, Rooks, Trego and Russell.

The Program is limited on the number of people they can hire because they are funded by grant and receive support from the counties they serve.

"The Companions feel they can make a difference," Niernberger said.

"It makes them feel needed. It gives them something to do. It's good for self-esteem."

There is no cost for the service.

If a person wants to become involved in the program, they can contact the Senior Companion Program office in the Memorial Union.



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Tigers win over Nebraska

Chad Simon
the university leader

The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference baseball championship started yesterday at 11 a.m. CST with No. 22 ranked Fort Hays State losing to No. 21 ranked Southern Colorado, 10-9, in Grand Junction, Colo.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead after one half-inning of play. SC answered with two home runs to tie the score.

In the third inning the Tigers' left fielder Ryan Wasinger, Russell freshman, belted a three run homer to regain the lead for FHSU.

After Aaron Cleveland, Salina junior, retired the first two batters of the eighth inning, SC hit a three run homer to give SC the 10-9 lead.

FHSU was retired in order in the top of the ninth inning.

In the double elimination format, FHSU played the loser of the No. 8 ranked Mesa State vs. University of Nebraska-Kearney game at 7 p.m. CST, Thursday.

Results were not available at press time.

The Tigers had great success against UNK in the regular season. FHSU defeated UNK all four times.

FHSU was not as fortunate against Mesa State. Mesa State defeated the Tigers in three of the four games played between the teams in the regular season. FHSU managed a 10-8 win over Mesa State, April 28 in Grand Junction.

FHSU played Southern Colorado four times in the regular season. The Tigers could only muster one win, 7-5, March 22 at Larks Park.



Tiger second baseman Steve Ysac makes a tag at second during a game with Bethany College at Larks Park earlier this season. —Mark Bowers/The University Leader

Team members await word on track nationals

The results are in

Women

10,000 Meters: Jennifer Ault, Aplene senior, 15th.

100 Meter Hurdles: Dnanta, Phillips, McPherson senior, 14th.

Triple Jump: Brown, 17th.

High Jump: Janet Eck, Goddard freshman, tied 10th.

Shot Put: Jennifer Zaborney, Banner senior, 15th.

Javelin: Kristin Johnson, Phillipsburg junior, fourth, 14th.

Hammer Throw: Lynn Leach senior, 18th.

Men

Steeplechase: Jason McCullough, Effingham junior, 14th.

4 x 100 Relay: Kahn Powell, Pontiac, Mich.; senior; Nathan Reed, Lakin freshman; Rod Smith, Holton senior; Rodney Mitchell, Colorado Springs, Colo.; junior, eighth.

High Jump: Keith Eck, Goddard senior, eighth; Anna Zogelman, Cheney sophomore, tied 14th.

Triple Jump: Eck, 14th.

Pole Vault: Travis Ford, Goddard junior, 12th.

Shot Put: Jeremy Hawks, Norton junior, sixth.

Discus: Hawks, eighth.

Javelin: Craig Bowman, Macksville senior, fourth.

Hammer Throw: Hawks, 21st.

One track member has already been entered in nationals, while 15 others are still awaiting their notice.

Bryan Valentine
the university leader

The Tiger men's and women's track team will be going to the Emporia State's Last Chance Qualifier in Emporia on Saturday.

Field events start at 2 p.m. and running events at 3:30 p.m.

Rankings came out this week, ranking 15 track members among the NCAA Division II competition (see sidebar at left).

Kristin Johnson, Phillipsburg junior, received an automatic berth to nationals.

The rest of the names at left have provisional marks and are awaiting the nod to get into the track nationals.

Nationals will be held in Edwardsville, Ill. on May 22 to 24.



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