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Today

Scattered T-storms
HI 85°
LO 65°

Friday

Scattered T-storms
HI 94°
LO 65°

Saturday

Scattered T-storms
HI 94°
LO 66°

Sunday

Scattered T-storms
HI 94°
LO 65°

Monday

Scattered T-storms
HI 93°
LO 70°



Leonard Allen/ University Leader

Workers attempt to restore power last Thursday. Power was out on campus for about an hour.

Sternberg giving tours

Billi Shipley
Staff Writer

Sternberg Museum of Natural History is looking for tour guides. No, the museum isn't opening, yet. They are looking for people to volunteer time to give tours of the museum as a construction site.

Cami Liggett, volunteer coordinator for Sternberg Museum, said it started last year when an opening date had been announced. The Convention and Visitors Bureau set a time to take a tour. But, the museum wasn't ready by the opening date. The Convention and Visitors Bureau expressed the interest in touring it anyway as a construction site.

"They thought that was really exciting, because how many people have the opportunity to see what goes into building a museum. It is so different from building an office building or a classroom building," Liggett said.

They have also been giving tours to community service clubs like the Lions Club or the Rotary Club who use the tour as a program for their meeting.

The first training session was held Wednesday. But, there are five more sessions. They will be July 1, July 8, July 9-14 and July 15, which will all take place at the museum.

"What we are doing in the training is providing them information so they become experts about the museum; and we help by pointing out the main points," Liggett said.

Guides, 2

Power outage to occur Sunday

University needs to upgrade transformer, students will be 'hot under the collar'

Patricia Schumacher
Staff Writer

Thursday's brief power outage was a rehearsal for a lengthier one scheduled for Sunday, June 29, according to Terron Jones, director of the Fort Hays State University Physical Plant.

Midwest Energy has indicated a need to upgrade the transformer at the university substation beginning at 8 a.m. If all goes well, power will be off for 4-6 hours.

According to Mike Stavish, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Goodland, highs are predicted to range from 85-90 degrees.

Bob Swift, field representative for Midwest Energy, said last week's outage was due to a loose connection in a meter. This meter is set up in a switch gear at the university substation.

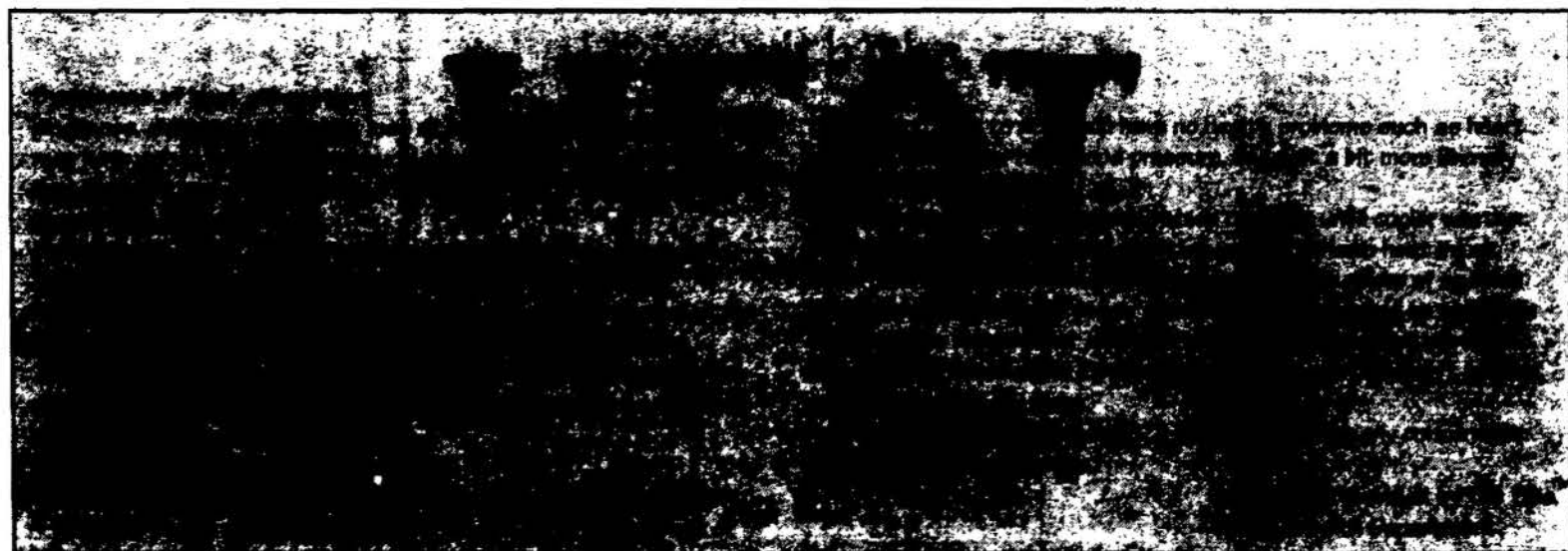
Repair work was done to avoid an uncontrolled situation. He said

those living on campus must "make advance preparations for anything necessary to sustain your existence. However, the last thing you want to do is check your refrigerator to see if things are thawing out. Opening the refrigerator will only cause them to defrost quicker."

Steve Culver, director of Student Residential Life, has issued a memorandum to all Wooster Place residents. He urges that if there is some reason a resident may need to

be relocated to a place where emergency power is available, to contact his office, Agnew 114, or phone 628-4245 immediately. Dorm residents are to contact their respective hall directors regarding their concerns.

No camps are scheduled to check into the residence halls on Sunday. Forsythe Library will be open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students should contact specific departments regarding amended hours.





Leanna Fross, secretary at Residential Life, helps a student during freshmen orientation last Friday.

Kanopolis Lake: 'all-around recreation spot'

Bryan Valentine
Staff Writer

Editors Note: This is the third of a four part series on the best lakes in the state of Kansas.

Kanopolis Lake and State Park, located near the city of Marquette, consists of a 3,500-acre lake and 12,500-acre Corps of Engineers wildlife area.

The park is split into two areas on the north and south sides of the dam. Beaches, picnic areas, full-service camping areas, volleyball courts, softball diamonds and a marina make the area an all-around recreation spot.

According to the Kansas State Parks Outdoor Traveler's Guide, the particular interest is Horsethief Canyon. It offers 26 miles of trails for hikers, horseback riders and bicyclists.

"They are guided hikes given by the naturalist almost every week on Buffalo Tracks Nature Trail," Dane Straight, park naturalist, said.

"I generally do children's programs every week as well."

There is also a Legacy Trail at Kanopolis. It is a self-guided automobile tour.

According to the Kanopolis Lake Legacy Trail brochure, the trail is an invitation to experience the history of the area.

The trail starts at the Kanopolis Lake Information Center and goes around to 27 different historical sites and then returns to the Information Center.

According to the brochure, the complete route is approximately 80 miles; and portions of the route may be done separately, if desired.

The time to complete the trail lasts around three hours and makes use of existing paved and sand roads.

Kanopolis Lake is well known for its excellent white bass and walleye fishing.

According to the Kanopolis Lake brochure, white bass may be taken soon after the ice melts in the shallows near Bluff Creek or during their up-river spawning runs in

March and April.

These months also bring the walleye fishing as they spawn along the face of the dam.

According to the brochure, the best crappie fishing occurs from March until May. Crappie may be caught year round in Tower Harbor and Yankee Run Coves or along the face of the dam.

Most channel cat are caught during summer nights at the upper end of the lake.

According to the brochure, the "wiper," a striped bass-white bass hybrid, was introduced into the lake by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and recently has provided some exciting sport fishing.

All federal and state fishing regulations are enforced on project waters.

If individuals have questions about using Kanopolis Lake and State Park, contact the Kanopolis Lake Information Center at (913) 546-2294.

Guides, continued from 1

The volunteers will be giving tours during the days and evenings, depending on their schedules.

"Training is completed on July 15; some will feel ready; some will not" Liggett said.

"The training is specifically geared towards the public relations of the museum as a construction site.

"Some volunteers are using it as an opportunity to learn more about the animals and the museum. Some are just interested in the classes and learning the classroom stuff. The volunteers are involved for various reasons," Liggett said.

Liggett said the volunteers would have a similar script, but she wants their natural enthusiasm for the museum to come through.

"We started out last year with training just a very small core group of volunteers to help with giving tours. That way, it would be a good quality tour.

"It's worked very well. The small group gave good feedback to make it a good program," she said.

The response they received from the community was good. Liggett said, "Given the population of Ellis County in proportion to the response, it is on the high end."

"We are really excited about

opening it up to the community for new volunteers."

Anybody who is interested in

volunteering for tours or other activities or for more information can call Liggett at 625-5684.

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Briefs

Astronomy open house

Fort Hays State University invites the public to the final astronomy open house of the month tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. in Abbeaton 501.

For more information, contact Paul Adams, assistant professor of physics, at 625-4300 or Susan Flehman, observatory director, at 625-0588.

Accessing Great Memorial Collection

Green Hill Drive, the road to the collection, is now closed due to the low-water bridges being impassible. Vehicle and pedestrian access is prevented by high waters. There is a walkway from Lot D, behind Tomrak, to the walk-over bridge located by Woooster Apartments.

Highway 183 is closed as well, and the farm route is impassible. Violators will be cited, and towing expenses are the vehicle owner's responsibility.

Ellis County Historical Society

The Ellis County Historical Society will feature an "1867-1876: Ellis County's Wild and Woolly Days," exhibit to open July 2. The exhibit features photographs, text and artifacts dealing with the first years of Ellis County. Featured of historical significance are: William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok and General George Armstrong Custer.

The historical society is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the summer months. Admission to the exhibit is free; however, donations will be accepted.

The museum's gallery is located on the corner of 7th and Main. For more information, contact the Ellis County Historical Society at 625-2624.



Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

Writer feels not a little bit country and a lot rock & roll

I have come to the conclusion that the world is full of things that were created to annoy me.

Included in this collection of nuisances are long lines at the grocery store, people who insist on driving 10 miles-per-hour slower than the speed limit and, most of all, country music.

Needless to say, I was far less than thrilled to hear that Hays is getting a new country music radio station.

This will make at least three country stations that can be picked up in the Hays area: the new station, KKQY-FM, along with, KHAZ-FM and KHOK-FM. The irritating part is the people I know that like country music were pretty happy with one of the two that already existed.

I am aware of the fact that three is not a huge number. However, I would

not care about the arrival of a new country station to such an extent if there were at least one station that catered to the average college student (the students that don't like country music).

Instead, I have the choice of KJLS-FM, KZLS-FM, or KBGB-FM. These three stations annoy me almost as much as the country stations. Each station either plays the same songs over and over again throughout the day or plays songs that weren't even popular when they came out a few decades ago. The worst part is that all three stations seem to try so hard to please every demographic group that everyone I know (of all ages) hates every other song.

The individuals who run the radio stations in larger cities have figured out that you can't please every group; so, you must pick one group that contains a large number of listeners. Quite frankly, if at least three bars in Hays can stay in business by playing music geared to college students, one radio station can also. The kind of

music the bars play varies widely, including dance, alternative and heavy metal.

As far as the general college population is concerned, the most important factor in selecting the music for a bar or a radio station should be that the songs are currently popular, yet not overly played.

I have spoken with many other students about this subject; so, I know I'm not alone in my frustration. Several people, including myself, are also irritated with the fact that there are a few stations that are pretty good that can be picked up less than 30 miles away from Hays in several different directions.

Of all the things I think Hays could use, another country music radio station is not one of them.

However, since I am not the one with the money or the power, I will have to just live with it while I live here. My compact disc collection is growing steadily; and I haven't the slightest idea if the radio in my car even works anymore.

Hammond Meter

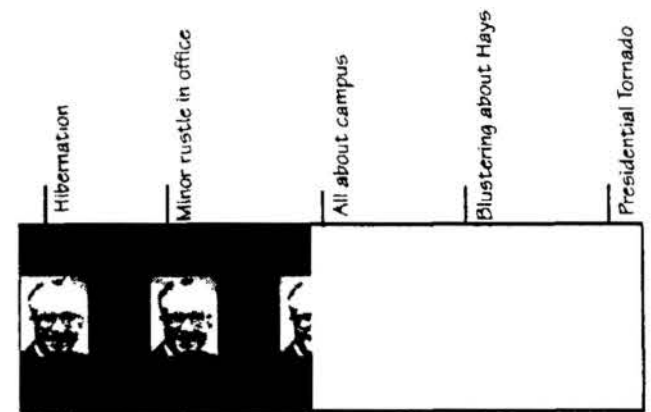
Today: Finishes up with the Board of Regents and returns to Hays.

Friday: Works that Public Relations machine: Hammond squires visiting Regent Harry Craig around campus. Welcome Mr. Craig.

Monday: Hangs out in the office being presidential.

Tuesday: Hangs out in the office. "Hey, when you're gone for three days, you've got to make up for it sometime."

Wednesday: Hangs out in the office and attends search committee meeting in the afternoon.



Writer finds Paula Cole's 'This Fire' to be both hot and cold

Paul R. Hurt
Staff Writer

You've probably heard Paula Cole's hit single, "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" So many times, you can whisper along with it. However, Cole isn't getting a lot of press about the rest of her album. In a word, Cole's second album, "This Fire" is enigmatic. It is good, bad, humble and pretentious all at the same time.

First, we'll look at what is bad. Cole has a list of neat vocal tricks as long as your arm; and I think she uses all of them at least twice on this disc.

For instance, in the song "Tiger," she momentarily sings in a way that sounds like an authentic, impassioned sob. The first time she executed this vocal backflip, the hair stood up on the back of my neck. By about the fourth time, the effect had worn thin. This same effect appears another eight times in another cut. In the future, her recordings will improve if she holds back on some of her bells and whistles and allows her singing and songwriting to shine

through.

Now, for the pretentious. Male or female, constant railing lyrics about how bad a lover has treated him or

Hush, Hush," his vocals spring out of the middle of the song like a party crasher, then disappear as quickly as they came.

"This Fire's" strength lies in the writing and arrangement of the music, as well as Cole's vocals.

Each song, if not catch, is a little slice of emotion. In particular, "Mississippi," with its spooky bird sounds and droning Australian Aboriginal instruments, puts the listener in a lonely and dark place. Few songs so expertly put this reviewer in an emotional state like this one.

What is really amazing is that each song has this effect. If you are on medication for bipolar disorder, I would not suggest "This Fire." A listener can go from wistful to enraged to hopeful in one listen.

Cole's vocals carry this emotion regardless of the pretentiousness of the lyrics. In the liner notes, she writes, "To the listener I recommend playing this record loudly. I hope it sends you on a journey." I am happy to say, it does that at low volumes as well.

Paula Cole

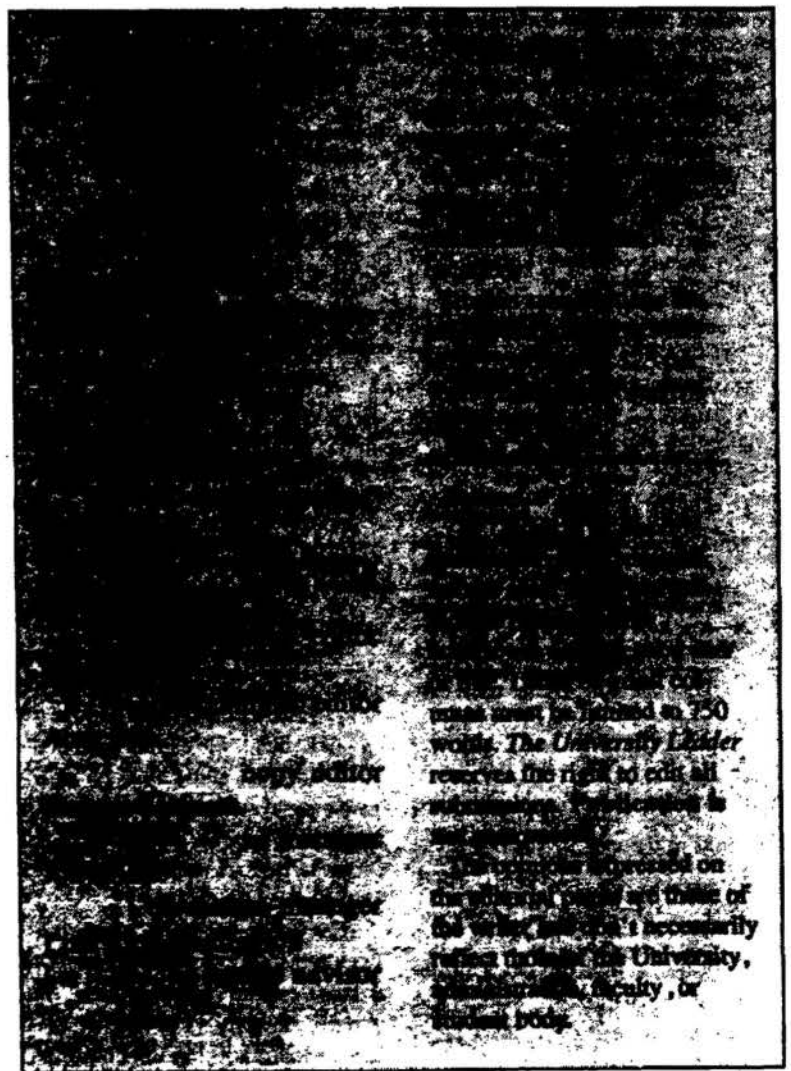
"This Fire"

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3 (out of 4)

Leader Music
CD Review

her gets pretty old. To think that a listener will care about her pain for over half the cuts on this album is going a bit far. In addition, if you are going to invite Peter Gabriel to sing on your CD, at least allow him to sing more than four lines. They sing very well together on his "Secret World Live" album. On the track "Hush,



Arévalo, Kahl graduate from Leadership Hays Program

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

Rodolfo Arévalo, provost, and Daniel Kahl, AmeriCorps planning director, were two of the Leadership Hays graduates for 1997.

Gina Riedel, Chamber of Commerce administrative assistant, said the program was made up of seven sessions. The topics were leadership, education, family issues, economic development, local government and included a two-day legislative trip to Topeka.

Bob Templeton, Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the program is a great eye-opener for people to see what is available in Hays and the surrounding area, regarding education, industry, business, health and the other areas discussed.

Templeton said the program took place in various locations, including city hall, the county courthouse and Midwest Energy, depending on the

topic.

Arévalo said the program included individual speakers on the various topics.

This was the seventh annual Leadership Hays program held by the Chamber of Commerce. Each year, a different group is selected for the program which meets biweekly from January to April.

Templeton said the 20 people per year who attend the class must go through a detailed selection process. He said the process that is used is very successful, resulting in a diverse collection of people to attend the class.

Templeton said the first general chairman of the Leadership Hays Program was Marion McMillan, who was instrumental in getting the program started. Templeton said McMillan started the program to get more people involved in the community by teaching about what goes on in Hays and informing people about what is available.

Arévalo said, "(The Leadership Hays Program) was very helpful for me to gain a better understanding of the needs of the city and the county and how that affects the delivery of services to residents in Hays."

Kahl said the program also

helped supply the tools needed to become informed and get involved in the needs and issues of the community.

He said, "The program re-identified some of the priority issues that we felt were pressing for the community; and, afterwards, we have continued to meet to step up and try to address some of the issues."

One aspect of this year's group that is impressive, Riedel said, is how the participants committed themselves to stay together after the class ended.

All graduates of the Leadership Hays Program have the option of becoming part of the Leadership Hays Alumni, which meet a few times each year. The Leadership Hays Alumni were responsible for helping Hays become an All-America City in 1996.

Aside from the Leadership Hays Program, Kahl recently attended a "Supervisors Specialty Training Workshop" in Baton Rouge, La., April 27-30.

Kahl said the workshop was good training, where useful tools and skills were presented to help facilitate groups and build cohesiveness.

Professors reviewed, honored

Four FHSU professors and authors of a new book on leadership studies were honored for their work. The book, "The Emergence of Leadership Studies: Linking the Traditional Outcomes of Liberal Education with Leadership Development," was presented at a conference in San Diego, Calif., and Daytona Beach, Fla. The positive responses from these presentations prompted the professors to write the article, which is entitled, "The Emergence of Leadership Studies: Linking the Traditional Outcomes of Liberal Education with Leadership Development."

The article offers an innovative perspective of leadership studies, according to Moore. "We were literally forging ahead on our own," Moore said, "...we had no model to follow."

The program is uniquely hands-on and has generated positive response in leadership studies students and among scholars. The journal article will enable the FHSU leaders to pass successful techniques on to others in their field.

The four FHSU professors began their collaboration two years ago, when they reviewed and revised the University's then three-year-old leadership studies program.

Brungardt said, "The purpose (of the review) was to improve the leadership studies program." He explained that students were surveyed as the instructors emphasized upgrading to meet

Female rules the roost

Patricia Schumacher
Staff Writer

"Emancipated females!" "Female mate choice!" No, these are not the current slogans of the National Organization for Women.

These were the terms presented by Greg Farley, assistant professor of biological sciences, in his paper, "A Possible Function for Ancillary Nest Building in Wrens."

Farley chaired a symposium on the biology of wrens at the 78th annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society in Manhattan in April.

Wrens are found only in North and South America, with the exception of one species, that is found in Eurasia. "Their behavior is uncommon," Farley said.

"Males build multiple nests numbering up to 50 including the breeding nest," he said. "Marsh wrens average up to 17 nests."

Farley is testing the hypothesis that the nests might have a function, since the construction of the nests is so energy costly.

According to Farley, there are two current hypotheses. The first explanation is that the nests are built as a way to decoy predators. "These are sham nests," he said. "Predators play the game, 'Where's the chick?'" Farley said. "There are simply too many nests without rewards. It is a system based on reinforcement."

Some studies support this hypothesis. "In areas with more nests, there appears to be a greater likelihood that the offspring will survive," he said.

However, other scientists feel this has no effect on success. "Areas with two nests produce just as many offspring," Farley said.

The second hypothesis is female choice. "The females are the choosy sex," Farley said. "They choose the opposite sex." He explained that the females use some feature of the male to determine the genetic quality of the male in order to breed. "This is the cock nest or dummy nest hypothesis," Farley said.

Previous models were male oriented. This hypothesis supports a female mate choice model. "The female actively chooses her mate based on his nest building abilities,"

Farley said. "Nest building is a conditioned dependent trait. The best conditioned males make the most nests."

When asked how the female mate choice model developed, Farley attributed to having more women in the field. "All fields benefit from variety. A diversity of people leads to a diversity of ideas in science," he said.

The third hypothesis is the one proposed by Farley. "Wrens have very interesting behavior," Farley said. Unlike other species, the male wren takes over the parental care from day 15 to day 30 of the chicks' life.

Farley has observed that, at night, the male wren ushers his chicks into the nearest available nest built in his territory. "They're like an errand group of kids. He does this to keep them safe," Farley said, "and to prevent them from becoming cold, wet and preyed upon."

What about mom? "The female is emancipated from her duties," Farley said. She is again judging the nest building abilities of other males. "She's running the show," he said.

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