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EDITOR'S NOTE:
This is the final issue for the summer edition of the Leader. Catch it while you can.

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Head Tiger eyes Kentucky

Laurie Bean
Editor-in-Chief

Fort Hays State University President Edward H. Hammond announced yesterday that he has put his name in a pool of candidates for a position as president of Western Kentucky University.



Hammond said he was contacted by a head hunter for WKU in June. (A head hunter seeks individuals for positions such as this.)

In a press release, Hammond said, "Charles Taylor, vice president of Lamalie Amrop International, first

contacted me."

"Taylor encouraged me to allow my name to be placed in the pool of candidates. On June 27, I agreed to be considered for the position."

Hammond met with the search committee in

Nashville, Tenn., on July 7. The committee is expected to make a decision on final candidates for the position on July 28.

The Kansas Board of Regents has been notified of Hammond's interest.

Western Kentucky University is located in Bowling Green, Ky. It is 110 miles south of Nashville and 30 miles north of Nashville.

Hammond's daughter and son-in-law live in Louisville, and this plays a part in Hammond's interest in the college.

Hammond said, "It sounds challenging to be part of such a reorganization, and to be instrumental in the future development of (WKU)."

Hammond went on to say that FHSU still has many challenges left to meet.

"I remain committed to making this university one of the finest institutions in the country," Hammond said.

In regards to calling the press conference, Hammond said, "I've always said if I was interested in something else I would let you know."

Hammond also said he was not actively searching for a position at another university. "I believe that we've made a good start at (a lasting contribution to this institution)."

Hammond axes scholarship funding

Beth Norman
Staff Writer

The Hays City Silver Scholarship Program is no more. The program's funding was cut in a decision made by the City Commission last week.

The scholarship program was a partnership between the city of Hays and the university. "The city is terminating their partnership with the university," President Edward H. Hammond said in a recent interview.

Those students that currently have scholarships with the Silver City program will still receive aid. "We will honor all scholarships," Hammond said. "No student will be negatively affected by this cut."

No new scholarships will be awarded to incoming students for the 1998-99 school year.

"It's really an important recruiting tool," Herb Songer, vice president for Student Affairs, said. "It's a disaster for us not to have it."

The City Commission cut the funding in order to redirect the money into street repair, according to City Commissioner Sharon Leikam. "It's not that FHSU isn't a priority, but people believe that the City Commission needs to cut back on funding until the streets can be repaired," Leikam said.

The scholarship program was started about 10 years ago. For the current semester, \$100,000 was allocated out of the city budget, and Fort Hays allocated \$108,000.

The money was then broken down into several \$500 scholarships which were awarded to incoming freshman that have an ACT composite score of 24-28. The scholarship was then renewable for three years; as long as the student completed 12 credit hours per semester and maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Last year, the scholarship produced over 120 new awards and 80 renewable awards.

Enrollment process changed

Students will be able to enroll through the mail or in the arena

Billi Shipley
Staff Writer

As the fall semester quickly approaches, students anticipate enrollment and standing in lines for hours. This year, there is a new option for students who have pre-enrolled and do not have any holds on their enrollment.

On July 28, a packet of information on express enrollment will be mailed to the permanent addresses of Fort Hays State University students.

Lisa Heath, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, said, "The packet will have the number of hours the student is pre-enrolled in, and the amount owed will be calculated. Scholarships and financial aid will be subtracted, and the student will be left with the amount owed or the amount owed to them."

The deadline for registration is Aug. 8. Because of federal

restrictions, the financial aid cannot be processed until Aug. 18. Financial aid money will be available to the student on Aug. 19.

"The left over financial aid would be put on the university card account. Those who do not have a pin number can go to Commerce Bank (in the union) and receive a cashier's check or get a pin number," Judy Getty, director of Student Fiscal Services, said. "It's a secure way of handling the federal funds."

The packet will also contain a form the student can fill out to pre-order the books needed. "The bookstore will choose used books first, if that is what was marked (on the form), then new books as a second choice. This way, the student doesn't really need to show up on campus until the first day of classes," Getty said. Students would need to pay for their books when they pick them up.

If a student wishes to make a change to the schedule they receive in the packet, they have two options. One is to attend the arena enrollment. Changes could be made at that time.

If the student still wants to enroll via their enrollment packet, they may return the packet as is. However, the student must wait until the first day of class to make schedule changes. At that time, a drop/add slip would need to be completed.

"We are really excited about it. We hope students will take advantage of it. It would save students from standing in lines. And, that's what really inspired the Registrar's Office to come up with this," Heath said.

"We encourage everybody to express enroll. We feel it's a nice option. It gives students early access to their financial aid," Getty said.



Editor achieves goals & dreams

Laurie Bean
Editor-In-Chief



Phew! (The splash of sweat as it is swiped from my brow hits the ground.) The summer is finally completed.

For me, it also means the completion of degree requirements. I am finished, finito, out of here! (Sounds of great applause in the background.)

When I decided to embark on this tremendous responsibility of editor-in-chief, I knew it would be difficult. However, I miscalculated the extent of stress and work one puts in when filling these shoes.

I will greatly miss working here (What am I saying?) at the Leader. I have enjoyed working with (and controlling you, my little minions) my

fellow editors. I will miss you all; you were a great staff.

Looking back at my experience, I am reminded of an event in my childhood. The incident I fondly remember as my initiation into the



"boys club."

My neighborhood was filled with boys. The boys didn't want to "hassle" with a "stupid girl tagging along." (A faint, "nanny nanny boo boo, stick your head in doo doo" is heard in the background.)

One day, as the boys rode off on

their bikes for a great exploration, I hopped on my bike. I remember pedaling furiously until my legs burned and quivered with exhaustion.

I remember the boys looking back, laughing, thinking I had given up and gone home.

I treasure the look of shock they wore when they found me strong on their heels.

I accomplished something that day, as I have this summer. I gained the knowledge that perseverance and dedication will lead you to your goal.

No "boys club" will hold me back if I have the guts to push forward. As a woman heading into the professional world, this I must remember.

As I head out into my first "big girl's job," I fondly wave back at my years here at the Leader.

I not only gained professional experience, I remembered that a woman can succeed despite all obstacles, if she pushes against the forces opposing her.

Where will the information superhighway take us?

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer



As I sat surfing the 'net, I began to wonder how it will change over the next few months, years and even decades.

Aside from the beneficial changes due to technology, I have heard of several negative changes that have been proposed, such as taxation for using the Internet, increased rates and government regulation.

Taxation and increased rates are an annoyance, but an increase in cost is an inevitable irritation.

The third change, government regulation, is the factor that bothers me the most.

The term "government regulation" invokes an image of government control over First Amendment rights, and it sends

chills up my spine. Even though some of the rights I am talking about involve profane or explicit material unsuitable for children, it is a First Amendment right, nonetheless.

Advocators of government regulation usually have one of two motives.

The first motive is a disapproval of the material due to moral or ethical reasons. No matter how much a person opposes a topic, unless the material involves a legal crime (not necessarily a moral crime), it is a matter of free speech.

If the individual finds the material offensive, they can choose not to view it.

It is easy for people to want to prohibit speech and material they are offended by or don't believe in.

However, the First Amendment does not allow for exceptions to the rule simply because some individuals oppose what is being said.

Those who think they can be selective with the right of free speech are grossly taking that right for granted. In order to have the right of free speech, the bad aspects must be

taken with the good.

The second motive of individuals wanting government regulation is to keep children from viewing the material in question.

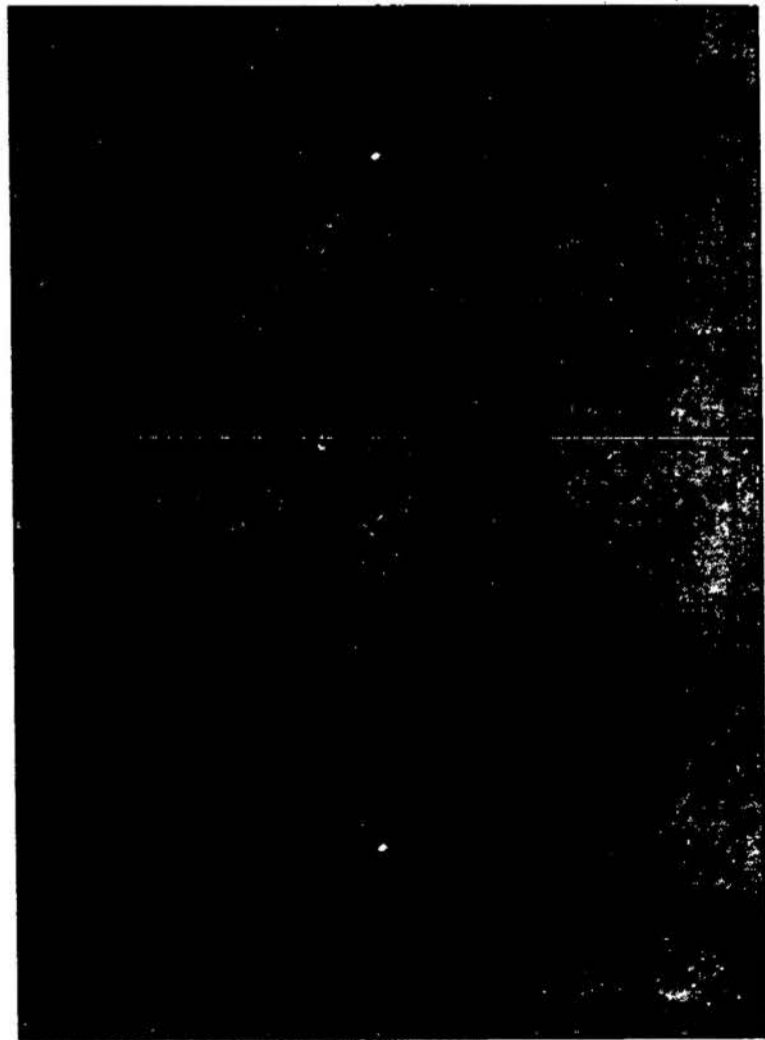
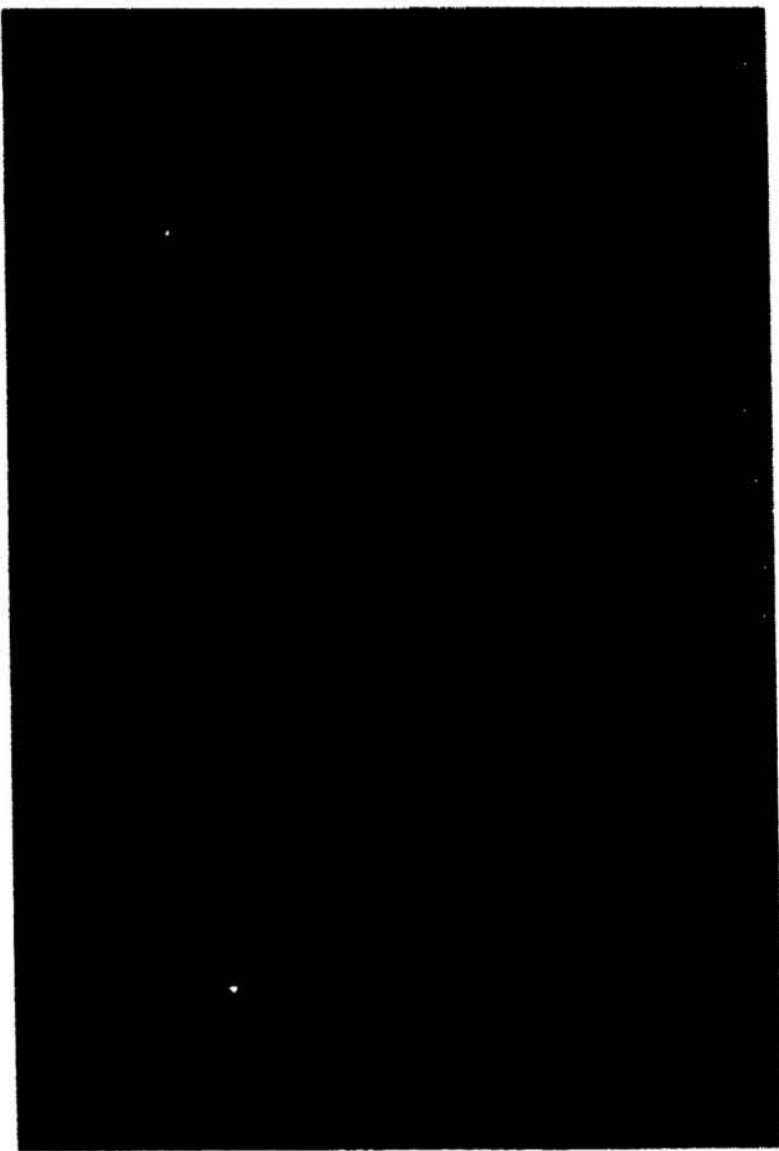
I have a suggestion that I don't feel the population has looked into deep enough: Don't rely on the government to control what children have access to, rely on the parents to parent their own children.

It seems to me that if parents would address the issue themselves, they wouldn't feel the need to ask for governmental interference.

President Clinton made a very good point when he mentioned there are regulating devices that parents can purchase and install themselves if they wish to deny access to certain areas on the Internet.

I would imagine the cost of the software is small compared to the increase in taxes it would require to fund the regulation of the Internet.

What else could be expected from this kind of governmental regulation, except a tax increase to pay for it? Baby sitters are expensive, and that seems to be the role the government would be taking.



Three faculty, staff members call it quits

Former director plans to travel, spend time with family

Bryan Valentine
Staff Writer

Fort Hays State University's Carroll Beardslee, director of scheduling and purchasing, retired July 12.

Beardslee began his work at FHSU in 1966 as director of the Office of Student Financial Aid. In 1982, he accepted his present position.

Prior to joining FHSU, Beardslee taught business education and coached football, basketball and track at Cawker City High School.

He was a resident manager of married student housing at Kansas State University. The Logan Township native served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

Beardslee holds a bachelor's of science degree in business administration, with an accounting minor, and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from KSU.

He holds a master's of science degree in secondary school

administration from FHSU. He attended McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La., while in the Air Force.

Beardslee's professional memberships have included the Kansas Association of Public Purchasing Professionals and the National and Midwest Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrations.

He has been active on various campus committees as well.

Beardslee has many plans for his retirement. "I am going to help my daughter, Nancy, go to college, if she is ready," Beardslee said.

Beardslee said he may have to get a part-time job to help Nancy out, but that is his first priority.

Beardslee's second priority is to take his 10-year-old grandson all over the country to play golf.

"My grandson is pretty good at golf," Beardslee said. "I also want to see if his parents will let him bike

across Kansas with me next year."

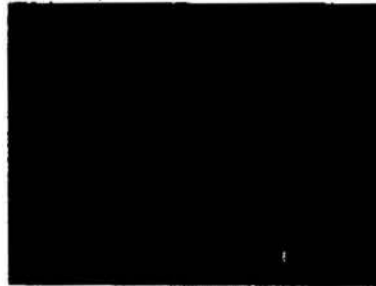
Other ambitious plans include renovating a limestone

house he has on the Saline River and to try to qualify for the 1999 National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Fla.

"I am going to participate in the State Senior Olympic programs in golf, billiards, bowling, horseshoes and shuffleboard," Beardslee said.

He also plans to go to auctions and go fishing. In the fall, he and his wife, Shirley, will visit Louisiana, where they lived as newlyweds.

"I would also like to visit Montana. I have never been there before," Beardslee said.



Carroll Beardslee Weldon Zenger

No travel plans for this professor

After 25 years of service at Fort Hays State University, Weldon Zenger, professor of educational administration and counseling, will retire tomorrow.

The Haddam, Kans., native holds an Elementary Teaching Certificate from

Fairbury College, Fairbury, Neb. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in social science (secondary) and elementary education and a master's of science degree in guidance and counseling from Emporia State University. His doctorate of education degree is in curriculum planning and development from the University of Kansas. Zenger also has studied advanced counseling at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Prior to his appointment at FHSU, Zenger was a senior high school career planning director and counselor, a junior high social science teacher and a department chair in the Salina Public

Schools. He was an elementary school teacher and coach in Washington, Kan., early in his career. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Zenger is the 1993 President's Distinguished Scholar Award recipient at FHSU. He has been nominated for the FHSU Alumni Association's Pilot Award, which recognizes outstanding faculty. He has been involved in many professional and campus organizations.

Zenger and his wife, Sharon, plan to retire in Manhattan to be closer to relatives and have access to the KSU Library. Together, they have written eight educational books and 20 articles in education and professional journals. They plan to continue researching and writing.

The Zengers have no plans for involved travel. They have lived apart the past 10 years while Sharon taught at Marymount and Tabor colleges. One of the Zengers has traveled about 300 miles every weekend.

The Zengers have a daughter Shannon in Kansas City and a son Sheahon in Laramie, Wyo.

Time for custodian to 'hang up the buffer and mop'

Patricia Schumacher
Staff Writer

Mike Wasinger retired Friday from his position as custodian at Fort Hays State University after 21 years of service.

Wasinger came to FHSU after retiring from the oil fields in 1976. "I was only 53 years old. I laid around; I got bored; and I got underfoot. Me and the missus got into it," Wasinger said. He figured he had to do something to occupy his time; so, he applied for a custodial position.

When Custodial Services Supervisor Ben Caskey hired Wasinger, he asked him how long he planned on staying. Wasinger said, "'til they slap the coffin lid down on me." He paused, "They slapped it on Ben instead. He was a good man. I out stayed him and five other supervisors. I didn't think I'd last 21 years, but I did. I'm 74 years old. It's time to hang up the buffer and mop."

Wasinger confesses the buffer used to be his enemy. "But, I got to the point where I liked to run it. I could run it with two fingers," Wasinger said. "The good Lord's got Ben buffing the floors up in heaven. That's probably what he's got in store for me."

What advice would Wasinger give to other custodians? "Get ahead of your work. Don't let it get ahead of you."

He would like others to know a few things about custodial work. "It's not low-class work. It's the nicest, cleanest work there is. You've got gloves, mops, everything you need to take care of yourself," Wasinger said.

For 19 years, Wasinger worked on the second floor of Davis Hall, and later worked at Forsyth Library.

"I had some pet squirrels near Davis Hall. They used to eat out of my hand. They liked peanuts and gum drops," Wasinger said.

Wasinger christened one of the critters, Charlie. Occasionally, Charlie would even follow him into Davis Hall. One day, Charlie disappeared for about four weeks.

"I figured he'd passed on, but he came back with three little ones following him. I decided I'd better rename him Charlotte."

Wasinger befriended another Charlotte (Thornburg) while performing his custodial duties. "It was back in the days before handicap access," Wasinger said.

He had noticed the young coed with crippling arthritis. "She used to hobble up the steps, and she had a hard time opening doors."

Although Wasinger didn't know the student, he made up his mind he was going to. He introduced himself and said, "Come, let an old man help you. It's been a long time since I had a young lady hook her arm in mine." From that day forward, Wasinger helped Thornburg into her classroom.

One day, Thornburg was despondent and wanted to quit school. Although Wasinger admits he "didn't have an education," he always encouraged the students to pursue theirs.

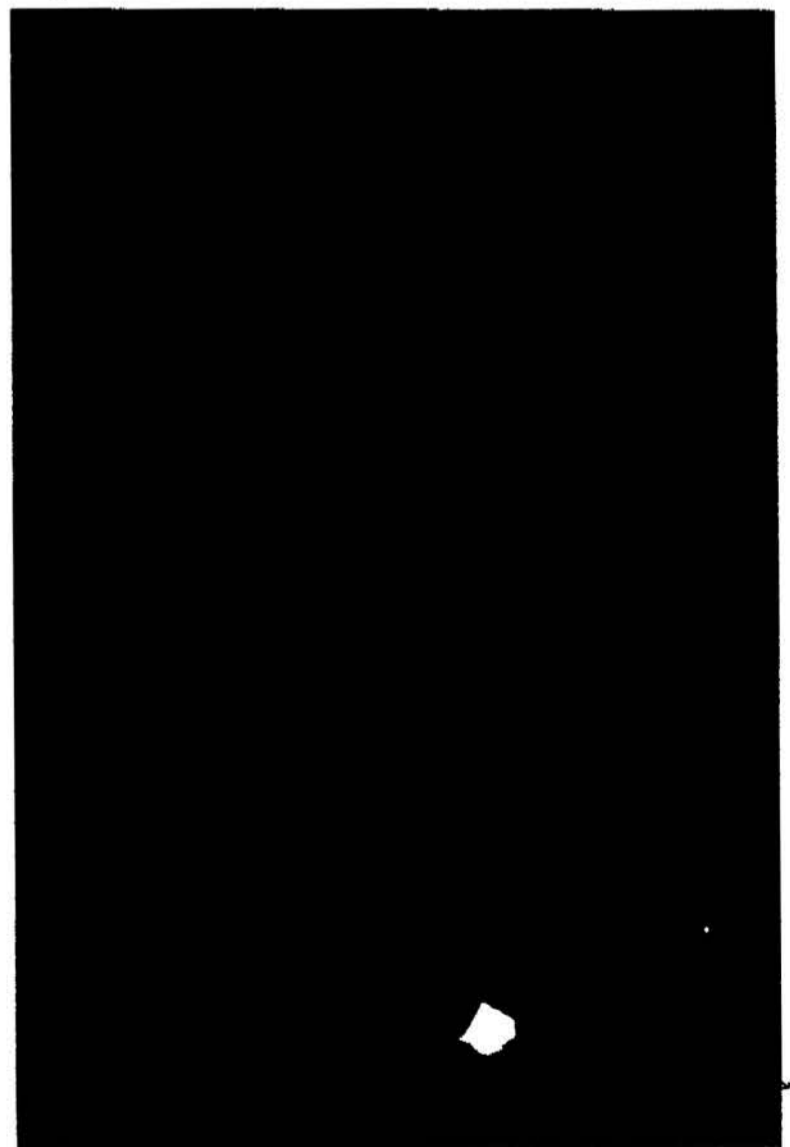
"I asked her what she wanted to be. She told me, 'a teacher of handicapped students.' I asked, 'Who'd be better qualified to teach the handicapped than you?'"

Thornburg continued her education. She also continued her friendship with Wasinger. "When I had my stroke back in '80, she spent the whole day visiting with me in the hospital," Wasinger said.

Thornburg has since married and moved to Rawlins, Wyo. She recently visited Wasinger and his wife, Georgia, in Victoria, Kan. "Now, that's what I call a friend!" Wasinger said.

Was there anything about his work that he didn't enjoy? "I was in a position if I didn't like it I could always leave, but I didn't. If it wouldn't have been for my health, I'd still be out there," Wasinger said. "I've had a well-loved life and a well-lived life. I thank the good Lord. He gave me a wife, six kids and 16 grandkids."

Wasinger plans to enjoy all of them during his second retirement. "I got it figured out this time," Wasinger said. "I go down in the basement and work in my hobby shop. I still go upstairs and pester the missus. I know how far I can go with her. When she reaches that point, I run out the back door."



Students run for the money

Neal Smith
Staff Writer

Jason Shanahan, McKinney, Texas, senior, and Jen West, Abilene senior, will be two of approximately 25 participants competing for money at Dodge City's "Run With The Big Guns Mile" on Saturday. The race is sponsored by Parker-Haskins Insurance, Inc., and is being held in conjunction with Dodge City Days.

The winner of either race, men's or women's, will walk away with \$750. Second through fifth place will receive \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50 respectively.

The men's side of the race features two Olympians, Julius Randich of Kenya and Godfrey Siahusiye of Zambia, and possibly the current, best British middle-distance runner, John Wilde. Event organizers are hoping for four or five runners to break the 4-minute barrier, if conditions are right.

"All I know about these guys is from watching them on TV," Shanahan said.

In a ranking of all the runners, Shanahan is towards the bottom of the list with a 1500m best of 3 minutes, 58 seconds, a mile conversion equivalency of 4 minutes, 14 seconds.

But based on recent time trial workouts, Shanahan remains confident. "I'm in better shape than I thought, and I may just surprise myself."

Shanahan finished his college running career this past spring and is a three time RMAC all-conference performer. He has also been a RMAC conference champion in the distance medley relay, running the mile anchor leg.

Also running on the men's side is Fort Hays' graduate, Chris Smith. Smith finished his college racing career this past spring. He is the school record holder in the indoor 800m, with a time of 1 minute, 52.4 seconds.

The women's side of the race seems to be more competitive, with only seven to eight runners racing for the five money spots.

The woman to beat seems to be Deb Torneden, Kansas State University school record holder, in the 1500m and mile.

West, who finished her college running career this past spring, also, has an outside chance in the race. She has not ran a mile since her junior year of high school. However, she is a three time RMAC all-conference performer and competed at the NCAA Division II cross country championships.

West turned in a 3000m best of 10 minutes, 42 seconds. The races will begin immediately following the "fun run,"



Jason Shanahan, front, and Jen West stretch out in preparation for a workout on Alex Francis Track at Lewis Field Stadium.

which starts at 8 a.m.

The race will start at the Parker-Haskins Insurance, Inc. office located at the intersection of Central and Comanche. The runners will head west until they reach Second Avenue. There, they will turn left and proceed South to the finish line at the intersection of Front Street. The course for the race is mostly down hill, making for a very fast mile.

Interested runners may register the day of the race for the "fun run" at the Parker-Haskins Insurance, Inc. office.

Briefs

Missing a roller blade?

A left roller blade skate was found last week in front of Sheridan Hall. To identify and claim the skate, call 628-6797.

Fourth Library hours

Today: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8-11:30 a.m.

Sat.-Sun.: closed throughout the summer until after Aug. 24.

Next Week

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday: 8-11:30 a.m.

Regular library hours will resume Monday, Aug. 25. All library hours are subject to change.

Fort Hays State nature outing

The FHSU department of biological sciences and the Kansas Wildflower Society invite the public to a free nature outing at Lake Wilson Sunday, July 27, at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested should meet at the Corps of Engineers office below the dam at Wilson Lake. Participants should bring insect repellents and sun screen.

Shrine Bowl events

July 26:

10 a.m.: Parade on Main Street

4 p.m.: Fort Hays State parking lot at Lewis Field opens

6 p.m.: Gates to Lewis Field open

8 p.m.: Pre-game festivities begin

7 p.m.: Kick-off of 24th Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl

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