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Speaker provides inspiration

Tyler Parks

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Michel Chikwanine, a 23 year old motivational speaker has seen and been through more in his life than most of us will experience in our entire lives. Chikwanine spoke to a packed Ballroom in the Memorial Union yesterday evening at 7:30.

Chikwanine is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo and is a former child soldier. At the age of five he was captured by rebel forces and was forced to kill women and other children, including his best friend at the time.

"I think the event went very well. We got him here through the University Activity Board. I was looking for artist and speakers, when I came across his name and read his story, and I just thought it was very inspirational. It really made me want to go out and do something," said **Jamison Green**, the University Activities Board Main Event Coordinator.

Chikwanine was able to escape when the rebel forces attacked a village and no one was watching him. He survived in the jungle for three days and three nights before stumbling back on his hometown. He and his family were then forced to leave for Uganda when he was 8.

Chikwanine's father was a political activist who wrote articles explain-



Jolie Green/Leader

Michel Chikwanine, a former child soldier and political refugee, spoke to a packed ballroom yesterday. He shared his inspirational story of making it out of the control of rebel forces at the age of five.

ing what was happening in the Congo, and was kidnapped multiple times before he was eventually poisoned when Chikwanine was 11.

At this time, he and his family became political refugees in Canada, where he finished high school and began sharing his

story. "I noticed how good I have it in life and how good he made it in life with the little stuff he had. It made me believe I could do anything I wanted to; I just have to do it," Green said.

Chikwanine spoke of how much people com-

plain when their life is so much better than they realize. He said we take things for granted like reading and writing that some people never have the chance to learn.

"Michel did really good. It exposed me personally to a whole other world. It showed me how

different our experiences were and a comparison of both. He is really impressive," freshman **Laura Calvillo** said.

He gave many ideas on how to get involved. He gave examples of others who have spoken out against other transgressions and the challenges

they faced.

"The performance went very well. The crowd liked him very well, a lot of people talked to him after the show. He was very much the highlight of our semester so far. Hopefully we can have more events like this in the future," Green said.

Students participate in mock interviews



Courtney Riggle/Leader

Students gain valuable interview experience in mock interviews with various different employers. It was open to all majors except education, who do their own mock interview day.

Sydney Studer
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Students from a variety of different majors participated in Mock Interview Day on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Sheridan Hall.

The day was set up by Career Services and was designed to help students become more familiar with interviewing for future jobs, universities and graduate schools. They were expected to dress and act in a professional manner. Their performance would be critiqued and they would be told how they could do better, what they did well on and general advice on interview etiquette.

"I decided to do the mock interview because it prepares me for when I have to interview for acceptance into dental school," senior **Britney Workman**, Molecular

Cellular Biology major, said. "I will be at the University Missouri Kansas City."

Workman has worked extremely hard to reach her goals of going to dental school at UMKC and was nervous before her interview.

"I am a perfectionist, so yes, I was nervous," Workman said.

"But on the other hand, I've had a lot of experience with this kind of thing. I was excited to get feedback so I can perfect my interviewing skills for the future."

For some students, participating in the mock interview was required.

"Honestly, I did it because I had to for a class," senior **Cody Simmons**, Agriculture Business major, said.

"I did it because I feel it's a very good skill to practice. You don't know what it's going to be like

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Weekend Weather

Friday



Hi: 76
Lo: 48

Partly Cloudy

Saturday



Hi: 78
Lo: 51

Partly Cloudy

Sunday



Hi: 84
Lo: 54

Partly Cloudy

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Sydney Studer discusses the positives aspects Greek Life.



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Students brush up on dinner etiquette

Austin Koeller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Etiquette is a lost art. We need to remember it in order to treat others well and to make a great first impression.

This is something businesswoman Gail Kuehl said at the etiquette dinner put on by the Leadership Studies Association (LSA) on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Stouffer Lounge in the Memorial Union.

The dinner brought students together with potential employers from across the state, including Sam's Club, Cargill, Eagle Broadband and FHSU Department of Leadership Studies for a dinner to engage in conversation and to learn about potential job opportunities.

"Employers have made it known that they want to do interviews over meals, along with giving students the opportunity to do them correctly," senior and LSA member **Nicole Walz** said.

Seeing a need for this, the LSA decided to hold an etiquette dinner for students to meet potential employers alongside the mock interviews earlier that day.

"The purpose of the dinner is for students to learn, gain knowledge about etiquette and give them the opportunity to network with potential employers," senior and LSA member **Regan Ochs** said.

Before the dinner, students were given time to speak with fellow attendees and ask potential employers what they were looking for in an employee.

"I look for someone who is confident and allows the opportunity to grow," said Sara Meder of Eagle Broadband. "I hope they can bring new ideas. It is great



McKenzie Wiles /Leader

Sophomore Brandon Taylor, freshman Trevor Henningsen and junior Jacquelyn Johnson wait for the dinner to begin. The dinner gave a less formal chance for students to talk to potential employers.

to learn from them." General Manager of Sam's Club in Garden City Randy Lucas also seeks qualities in potential employees.

"I'm looking for leaders for the corporation," Lucas said.

"I seek somebody with a leadership personality, people skills, and a strong work ethic."

While the attendees all had different reasons for attending the dinner, it was a learning opportunity for senior **Shane Mata**.

"I'm here to practice my interview skills, meet employers, and learn about etiquette," Meta said.

After the meet and greet, the attendees went to the Stouffer Lounge for the etiquette dinner. The students were divided up into tables consisting of four to five people and an employer who served as the host or hostess.

At their table, students were able to have a direct, one-on-one conversation with potential employers. Lucas told his group that he

was attending the dinner to recruit potential interns.

"They will do a two month 'learning about management' program, gaining leadership skills and getting acquainted with retail," Lucas said.

Meder offered students at her table advice for when they go in for an interview.

"Be yourself, don't get nervous, take a deep breath and go in with confidence," Meder said.

"Don't let the fear of hearing 'no' get to you."

As the students talked,

Kuehl taught the attendees about proper dining etiquette, which she said was essential in business.

"How you eat is the first impression you make," Kuehl said. "You spend many hours of your life eating, so dining is an important part of our lives."

During the meal, Kuehl gave eating advice which included, "Eat at the pace of others," and "Use your spoon by moving it from the back of the bowl, to the front of the bowl, to your mouth [when eating soup]."

After the dinner, Kuehl said that she hoped that the dinner had provided attendees with useful information.

"I feel good if everyone learns something they didn't know before that will help them in the future," Kuehl said.

When it comes to applying for a job, always remember to have proper etiquette, treat others well and make a great first impression. It may be the key to landing a dream internship or career.

Hunger Banquet

Tyler Parks

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Global Leadership Project and the Messiah Lutheran Church hosted the second Hunger Awareness Banquet and silent auction last Sunday evening at 6 at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays.

"It was a very successful turnout. We had about 70 people, maybe more and we raised \$3,079 towards our total," said senior **Kelly Nuckolls**, Global Leadership Project Coordinator.

The event gave everyone a firsthand look at the uneven distribution of food in the world. Some received

rice and beans to show more impoverished areas, while others were served a three-course meal.

The \$3,079 raised on Sunday puts their total at around \$18,000, which is just shy of their \$23,000 goal. Their goal is to package 100,000 meals at 23 cents apiece.

The will all be done in correlation with State-Wide Packing Event or SWIPE.

The packaging will be on Oct. 13, in Forsyth Library.

For More information on volunteering to package, contact the Global Leadership Project in Custer Hall room 206 or glp@gmail.com.



Jolie Green /Leader

The Messiah Lutheran Church let the Global Leadership Project use their facilities for the second annual Hunger Banquet. The banquet raised \$3,079 for food to package.

FHSU honors 9/11 victims



Jolie Green/Leader

Fort Hays State University honored the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with a moment of silence at 9:59 and 10:28 Tuesday morning. There were 298 flags placed in the quad to honor of the 2,877 innocent victims of the attacks. In honor of Sept. 11 being Service Projects Day a campus wide clean up will be Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Interviews from 1A

for a senior who is for a job. It definitely gave me a better insight on what to do and what not to do in a professional job atmosphere."

Although the Mock Interview day was designed for junior and seniors, students as young as freshmen already see the opportunity this day provides for Fort Hays upperclassmen.

"A huge thing about college is it gives you lots of opportunities," freshman **Alexis Aiman** said.

"There are a plethora of opportunities and the fact that they give us that opportunity to practice, like a preparatory interview to get tips and valu-

able critiques is definitely going to help us in applying for jobs."

Aiman was impressed with the amount of services colleges provide to almost-graduates.

"I just never knew colleges had that opportunity," Aiman said.

"There's literally one for everything, you just have to look. This is a prime example of those because when I'm a junior or senior I'm going to begin preparing my resume, and I'm going to want to be that one step ahead of everyone else. By going to the mock interview day I'm going to be one step ahead in the application process."

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Greek life family, not just friends

Sydney Studer
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Greek life is the best thing about Fort Hays State University.

Whatever stereotypes and misconceptions are running through students' heads are very wrong. Greek Life has amazing leaders who are in charge of seeing that the fraternities and sororities reach their full potential.

Inter-fraternity Council President and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) junior **Derek Edwards** has a huge responsibility to make sure that full potential is met for all five fraternities on campus.

"I was elected to this position," Edwards said. "I believe my duty is to give Greek Life a good name through service opportunities and leadership roles for our members."

The Pan-Hellenic president for Fort Hays is Delta Zeta senior **Holly Weiss**.

"I like being Pan-Hellenic president because it's an amazing feeling to watch women find their home away from home, no matter what letters

they choose," Weiss said. "They are finding something that makes them a part of something bigger than just college life. It's a family connection. You can have friends in college, but they won't always be there for you. Your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters will always be there for you no matter what."

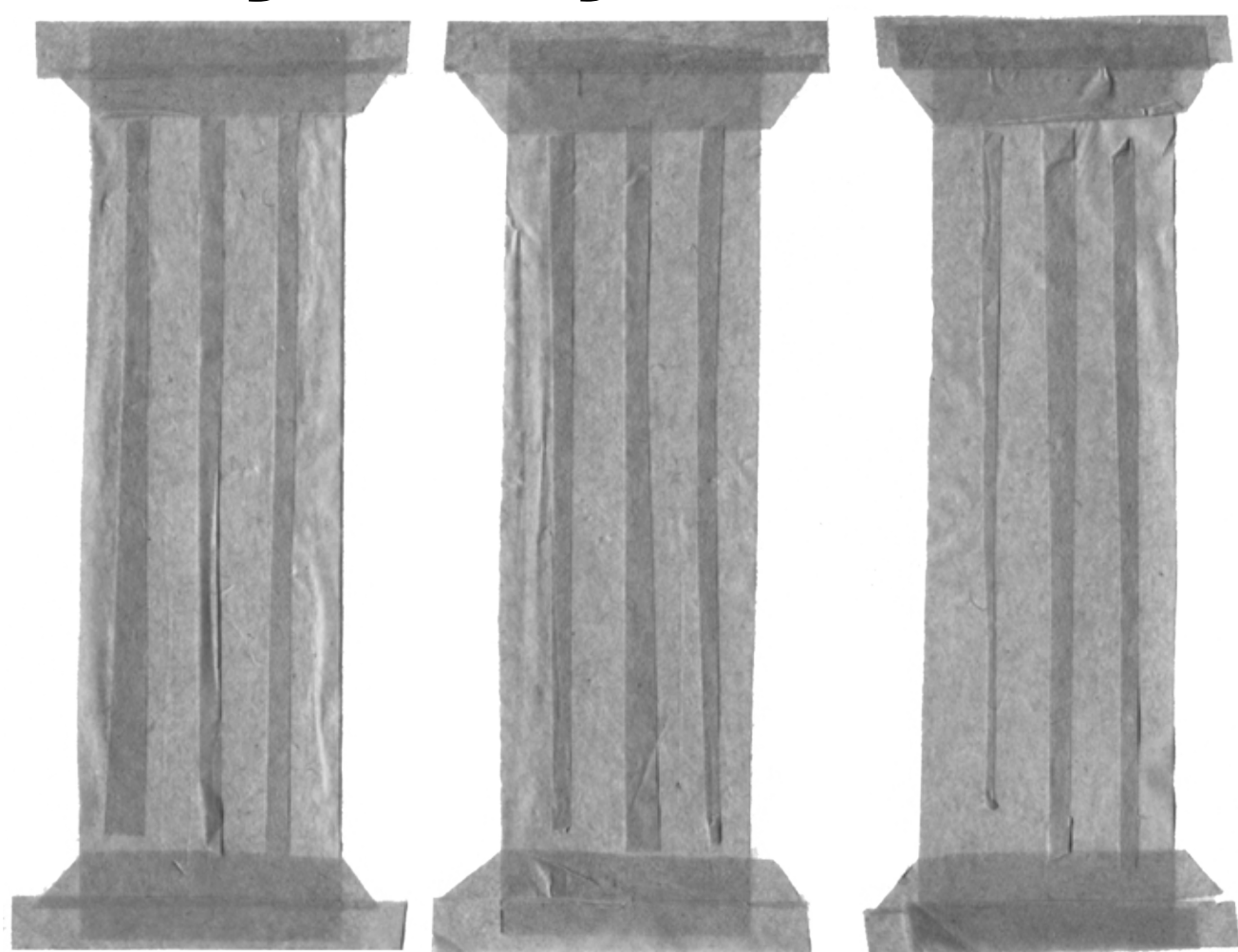
Greek life around campus has earned a bad name. Students involved in Greek life have higher GPAs overall and the most service hours recorded. The men of SAE have the most philanthropy hours out of any other fraternity or sorority on campus.

"We've won the trophy in 2003-2006 and 2010-2011," Edwards said. "Each semester we average about 500 hours."

Their philanthropy is the Children's Miracle Network.

What most people don't realize is that in order to remain in good standing in your fraternity or sorority, you must log at least 10 study hours each week, more or less depending on your GPA. In addition to making sure grades are high and schoolwork is done first, sororities are dry houses – which means there will never be any alcohol in any of the sorority houses.

"We take that rule very seriously," sophomore **Allison Meier** said. "If we were to have alcohol in here or even on our



lawn or sidewalk and the National Pan-Hellenic Council found out about it, our chapter would be taken away."

In addition to grades and philanthropy, all Greeks are expected to be involved in at least one other campus organization. Greeks at Fort Hays are committed to making campus a better place, and they are doing great

things for the university.

There are members who are presidents of groups. They are in charge of Up 'Til Dawn. They are involved with Women's Leadership Project, VIP Ambassadors, Student Government Association, Tigers-in-Service and one is even starting his own religious group on campus.

Greek members have a

unifying reason as to why they are involved with their chapter. My reasons are simple. I'm looking for family. I'm looking for friendships that will last a lifetime. I'm looking to get the most out of my college experience. If spending time with 40 of my sisters on the weekends, eating dinner with everyone at Chapter on Mondays, playing sports

with them, studying with them, going to 'Happs' with them or tailgating with them doesn't kindle that, I don't know what does.

Greek life is the best decision I have made in college and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Death used for political campaign

Eric Bader
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Tuesday night, global media outlets became aware of an attack in the Libyan city of Benghazi, where an American Foreign Service officer was killed.

Within minutes, Mitt Romney's campaign had a message for the American people. Was it a statement of solidarity and support for the victim's family? A condemnation of senseless violence?

Of course not. It was an attack on the Obama administration, accusing them of "sympathiz[ing] with those who waged the attacks." Though this was later proven to be patently false – the state-

ment Romney referred to was directed toward a different group of people entirely and was released long before the Benghazi attack occurred – there is a deeper, more troubling fact to glean from the event.

Romney was actually utilizing the death of an American citizen – a person with parents, children, friends – as a tool to erroneously attack a man who just happened to be a political opponent.

It is something that has happened far too many times in the recent history of politics. Who could forget the running total of American soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan? It was like a telethon ticker, counting up to the next hundred or thousand that news agencies could shout about. Both sides of the political spectrum were guilty of this one.

It was a constant reminder of the people that former President Bush was responsible for killing, according to the Democrats. When Obama took office, all of those lives were on

his hands because he had not ended the wars soon enough.

The obvious problem here is that neither of those accusations matters. Each and every person killed in action, as regarded by the news media, was a number, just a tally mark on an ever-growing list of shame. This is reprehensible.

Tuesday, of course, was the 11th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. We as a nation were again reminded of the number of people who died 11 years ago.

First, hammering that into our collective consciousness is seriously hindering our ability to move on from it – but that's an argument for another day.

Second, this number is frequently held up as the number of lives that could have been saved had Bush taken threats to national security more seriously.

Once again, who cares? They are human beings who died. Turning it into an attack on someone else – even if it is an accusation

that is valid – is unacceptable.

Though the examples I have cited thus far have been American deaths, they are not the only people whose bloodshed leads to more partisan bickering than mourning.

Longtime readers of the University Leader will recall a column I wrote in the aftermath of the death of Osama bin Laden, lambasting people for partying in the streets because a person was killed.

Immediately, politicos criticized Bush for failing to kill bin Laden, and Obama for not doing it soon enough. Once again, everyone ignored the fact that bin Laden, though a wicked man with misguided motivations, was still a person whose life was every bit as valid as anyone else's.

Politicizing the death of someone – anyone – is always reprehensible. No person wants to be a pawn in a political battle after death. I know I wouldn't. It's the least respectful thing anyone could do.

Solutions for lost night passes

Molly Walter
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



As I walked into Rarick Hall to work on one of my projects the other night, I realized I was missing one extremely important piece of paper – my night and weekend pass. If you've ever been working late in any academic hall, you know you have to have a pass. Without it, the cops will kick you out – no exceptions.

I searched through my backpack, my car, my pockets and everything else I could think of to search. I couldn't find my pass anywhere. I lost it. It's a little early in the semester for that, don't you think? But what's done is done.

Just to clarify – I'm not irresponsible. I don't lose everything. This is the second time during my three years at the university that I've lost my pass.

Night and weekend passes are such small pieces of paper, I don't know how anyone keeps track of them. I always keep mine in a special pocket in my backpack, but every now and then, I take it out. And that's when I lose it.

Let's face it – we all lose things. It's impossible to keep track of absolutely everything, especially the small things. So I've come up with some solutions to keep track of at least your night pass.

Of course, the most logical solution is to always keep your pass in the same spot. Every time you take it from that spot, put it back. No exceptions. Backpacks are good for that.

If that doesn't work

for you, glue it to your backpack, on the inside somewhere. That way you can't possibly take it out and lose it. I have the perfect spot in my backpack for that.

You could even put your pass in an ID tag for luggage and attach it to your backpack somewhere. Just make sure you take your backpack with you when you're practicing music late at night in Malloy.

Another option is to laminate your pass and wear it as a necklace at all times – even when you shower. If it's laminated, it won't get wet and fall apart. It will be safe. Never take your pass off. Ever.

Collect several passes. Go into the office and ask for a pass everyday for a week or two. Claim you've lost all previous passes. If you want to be less conspicuous, ask for a new pass every couple of days.

After you have a significant amount, keep one in every room you need to be in after hours, one in your backpack, one in your car and one in your place of residence. Hide a few around campus, too, like under a rock.

With multiple passes, you're bound to have one somewhere. And if you do happen to lose one, you have backups stashed away.

I'm not sure if this is considered delinquent, but scan your pass into your laptop. Whenever you lose your pass, just print off a new one. That's not necessarily a way to not lose your pass, but it is a way to always have one – kinda.

Of course, if you do lose your night pass, you can always go in and ask for a new one. I did yesterday. Easy as pie.

And if worse comes to worse, tattoo your pass somewhere like your wrist that you can easily show the cop. You'll always have it then.

Class discussions serve purpose

Tyler Parks
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



I have a hard time understanding why students do not get involved in class discussions. I have been in classes where it is just the teacher and I having a discussion, while everyone else sits in silence and watches the clock.

You are paying for this education – you should be trying to get the most out of it. Sitting in silence doesn't benefit you or anyone else in the class.

Class discussions can be more beneficial than a professor just lecturing. It gives the students a chance

to get involved and express any questions or disagreements with the material. Chances are, if you have a question or concern regarding the material, someone else probably has the same question.

I can't imagine a situation where a professor would get upset with a student for speaking up about something they don't understand in the material. If they do, they probably don't belong in academia.

Sharing your opinion or views on a certain subject shouldn't scare you. Bringing up a relevant topic gives the professor a chance to elaborate on a subject they undoubtedly care about.

Wouldn't you rather have a discussion about the material instead of listening to one person speak for the whole class period? I'm sure the professor wouldn't mind getting a break and hearing the thoughts of others.

The more people

involved, the more points of view you will get. Your point of view is not any less valuable than the person next to you. College is about gaining knowledge, but it is also about thinking critically.

Asking a simple question or asking the professor to explain something in further detail can spark a conversation that could change the way you think or make your view stronger.

Don't be afraid of looking dumb or saying the wrong thing. As long as it is relevant and coherent, say what you think. If you think the author of your book was wrong on a certain point, bring it up.

We have been conditioned from grade school to high school that we just have to take the information we are given as absolute fact. Don't do that. Question everything. Disagree with professors if you think they are wrong, but have

something to support your reasoning.

I am certainly not saying that this warrants rudeness toward professors or calling them liars; I am asking you to think for yourself. Ask why or how they came to the conclusion they did, then express your conclusion and how and why you came to it.

This isn't high school. You are not going to be sent to the principal's office. The professors work for you; they are here to teach you and make you a well-rounded individual.

If you really don't have anything relevant to say, however, don't say anything. Adding nonsense to a good conversation is pointless and only hurts it.

I don't know about you, but I would much rather have a class discussion for 50 minutes than listen to one person talk – the class tends to go much faster when you are involved.

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Ben Cline, chair of the music department, performs on his cello while Irena Ravitskaya accompanies him on the piano last Thursday night. Cline's faculty recital was the first of many scheduled for the year.

Recital showcases department's talent

Tyler Parks

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

In a tight corridor in Malloy Hall resides Palmer Recital Hall. Even after recent renovations, it is a modest auditorium that would have trouble accommodating even the smallest community theater's audience.

Last Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Ben Cline held his faculty recital in Palmer. The recital featured three pieces and three other faculty members accompanied him.

"Meditation from Thais," a piece arranged by Jules Massenet, was performed first. Cline, on cello, was accompanied by Irena Ravitskaya on piano.

The second piece was "Chansons Madecasses" arranged by Maurice Ravel. Cline on cello was accompanied by Ravitskaya on piano again, as

well as Hilary Shepard on flute and Ivalah Allen on vocals.

"Chansons Madecasses" contained three different movements, each telling a different story. While the lyrics were in French, the overall theme of each movement was clearly defined through the tone.

The first movement was a story of young love entitled "Nahandove." "Aoua," the second movement, was the warning cry of an indigenous people being invaded by the white man. The third and final movement, "Il Est Doux," told of a man resting while women sang and danced around him.

After intermission, the final piece was Brahms's Sonata in E minor for cello and piano, Op. 38. It was played by Cline and Ravitskaya and featured three movements.

The first movement in this piece was "Alle-

gro Non Troppo," which demonstrated a variety of tempos throughout. The second and third movements, "Allegretto Quasi Menuetto" and "Allegro" bore some resemblance to the first movement.

Ben Cline is the music department chair, the director of orchestras and assistant professor of cello and bass at Fort Hays State University. Cline received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Northern Colorado.

Irena Ravitskaya is an assistant professor of music at Fort Hays teaching piano. Hilary Shepard is a flute instructor and Ivalah Allen is an assistant professor of voice at Fort Hays.

The next faculty recital will be from flautist Shepard, next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Palmer Recital Hall in Malloy Hall.

Cancun Mexican Grill opens near campus

Eric Bader

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Balloons, banners, and the muted tones of Latin music appeared on Monday, announcing the arrival of the newest restaurant in Hays. Cancun Mexican Grill, located on Elm Street in the building that once housed Coffee Rules, is open for business.

Upon stepping inside the restaurant, one of the most striking things setting Cancun Mexican Grill apart from other Mexican restaurants is the decor. Missing are the huge, garish murals and brightly-painted chairs and tables. Instead, Cancun opts for a more subtle approach with classy wooden benches and sparse, tasteful wall hangings.

The restaurant was the brainchild of owner Maria "Jacky" Lopez, who comes from a family with a history of culinary business — her family owns restaurants in Pratt, Greensburg, Cimmaron, Anthony, and Clearwater.

Proximity to campus is one of the things that most attracted Lopez to the location.

"We try to get good deals for [students]; comfortable, cheap, and quick as possible," Lopez said.



Jolie Green/Leader

A banner outside Cancun Mexican Grill announces the restaurant's opening. The restaurant, which opened on Monday, sits just north of campus on Elm Street.

"We encourage students to come by if they need jobs. Of course, we support students in any way we can."

Lopez hopes that diners will be lured to the restaurant based on the connotations of the name. "Cancun is one of the more well-known tourist places in Mexico, so we thought it would be a good name, since it's a place a lot of people go for vacation," Lopez said.

Lopez acknowledges that Cancun is not the only Mexican restaurant in town, but she believes that the quality of her food will ensure that residents of Hays make the restaurant their first

choice for Mexican food.

"We have fresh food; everything is made daily," Lopez said. "We believe our food is very good. We have a complete menu. Good food and good service always stand out."

Cancun Mexican Grill is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Cancun Mexican Grill

When you purchase any meal during the month of September, you'll receive a FREE drink!



Stop in today and see the newly renovated building! Located at 1011 Elm in Hays

'The Words' worthy of fanfare

Taylor Lunsford
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

Last weekend went down as the worst ever in box office history. Bad marketing, the beginning of football season and the simple fact that there was not much to see are being blamed for the embarrassing performance.

The truth is, there was one film that went under the radar despite needing to be viewed by the masses. That film was "The Words."

"The Words" begins with an author reading his latest novel to a gathered group of scholars. The narration then follows the story, which features a young couple fresh out of college, played by Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana, who are struggling to make a living. Cooper's character is a writer who fails to get any of his works published until he finds a long lost novel in an aged briefcase and claims it as his own.

"The Words" is a film that is going to have a mixed reaction, with half of its audience finding it brilliant, while the other half will find it boring due to inability to relate to the material. Aspiring writers and fans of literature should enjoy the familiarity the story brings, while others will hate the film because of an inability to sympathize with the leads.

The acting in the film was solid and the chemistry between all the actors is what drove this fantastic story along. Cooper and Saldana work great together on screen and the legendary Jeremy Irons steals every scene he is in, which could possibly earn him a Best Supporting Actor nomination. Unknown actors Ben Barnes and Nora Arzener also own their small roles in the film and show they deserve to be given bigger roles in other films.

What really takes this film to the next level is its originality combined with the powerful way it is told. Part of the film

is reminiscent of the "Before Sunset" films, but besides that there is nothing like it that immediately comes to mind.

It becomes clear that both the screenwriter and director felt passionate about this story and the audience will leave still deciphering this movie in their heads.

The one downfall of the film is that the story within the story becomes far too self-aware, dragging the audience away from the main characters for too long a period. It attempts to connect all of the stories towards the end of the film, but it would have been much better had it eliminated the original narrator altogether.

Overall, "The Words" is a memorable film that was thrown into theaters without enough marketing to do it justice. It is not a film for everyone, but those who enjoy it will likely rate it on par with the best of the year. It is highly recommended for any lover of the arts, and it makes for a fantastic date movie.

Dave Matthews Band returns with a bang

Eric Bader

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

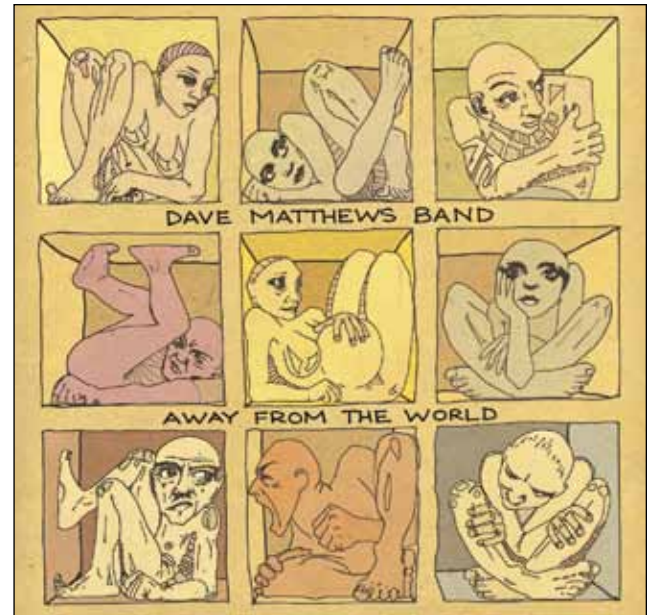
After a three-year absence from the recording scene, Dave Matthews Band finally released its long-anticipated eighth studio album, "Away from the World," on Tuesday.

The band enlisted Steve Lillywhite, producer of its first three albums, as they continue to recover and restructure following the death of saxophonist LeRoi Moore.

Lillywhite isn't the only reminder of an older time. The ever-evolving sound of the band has taken a step back toward the likes of 1998's "Before these Crowded Streets." The raw emotion of the band's last album, "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King," has faded into a more classic sound, driven by the familiar tones of Boyd Tinsley's violin. Just as noticeably, the rambling, overpowering guitar solos of Tim Reynolds from the previous album have taken a backseat.

The instrumentation is, as always, impeccable. Matthews explores a gentler sound in this album, sometimes eschewing his trusty guitar for the piano. As always, Matthews' vocals are his unique blend of near-incomprehensibility and creamy falsetto. Boyd Tinsley's violin and Jeff Coffin's saxophone are always buoyed by the energetic bass of Stefan Lessard, who is arguably one of the best bassists alive today.

Of particular interest is "Mercy," the band's latest single. The song is packed with pure emotion,



simultaneously mournful and optimistic. "Mercy, will we overcome this? One by one, could we just turn it around?" Matthews sings, while Coffin's baritone saxophone provides a deep, powerful undercurrent.

Matthews once again explores other musical forms in "Away from the World," running the gamut from the funk-inspired "Belly Belly Good" to the mariachi-style sound of "Gaucho."

As always, the band's lyrics frequently stray into weighty subjects, such as love, loss and the meaning of life. "We gotta do much more than believe if we really want to change things," is the refrain in "Gaucho," echoing a sentiment that spans nearly all of the band's albums.

That the album cover

and liner notes are adorned with scribbles from Matthews himself speaks to the most central tenet of the album, and even of the band itself. Everything is intensely personal. On every track, happy or unhappy, Matthews pours himself into his work in such a way that, even if you don't care for the sound, it is difficult not to be taken by his earnestness.

For a band known for long, unstructured jamming, "Away from the World" is a surprisingly compact and highly emotional romp. Fans should be delighted with this latest offering, while those who are not familiar with the band have no better opportunity to jump in. "Away from the World" is truly impressive in every way.

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Soccer picks up big wins

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Both Fort Hays State University soccer teams picked up vital wins over the weekend and extended their winning records.

The women's team cruised to a 2-0 victory against Midland University on Friday, Sept. 7, at the Fort Hays Soccer Stadium to improve their record to 3-1. The men stayed perfect with a hard-fought 2-1 win over a strong Colorado Mesa at home on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The women's team continued its progression with a steady 2-0 victory. The Tigers' defense didn't allow a shot the entire first half and held the Midland Warriors scoreless for the duration.

Again, it was a freshman on the board first, as **Jordan Hester** netted in the eighth minute. The build-up began with a smartly placed through ball from senior **Cindy Benitez** that split the Warriors back four and left them flat-footed as Hester broke to a 1-on-1 with the keeper. She easily slotted home and gave Fort Hays the advantage that would remain until late in the second half.

Fort Hays nearly doubled the advantage on several occasions in the first half; Benitez challenged the Midland keeper with a spot kick from 25 yards out, and senior **Sade Humphrey**, after receiving a neat through ball from freshman **Alexis Aiman**, nearly capitalized on her own 1-on-1, if not for the efforts of the keeper who turned her shot wide.

Most impressive on the night was the defense. The Tigers, led by sophomores **Jamie Babyak** and **Laura Regnier** and freshmen **Chandler Zitzmann**, **Gabrielle Makatura**, and **Mallory Diederich**, not only held off the Warrior's attack, but for the most part

managed to keep the ball almost entirely in their offensive third.

Sophomore keeper **Nicole Barnaba** picked up her second shutout, though she was hardly challenged in the win.

Fort Hays hasn't given up a goal to an opponent for all four games of the regular season and has been perfect in the back for the last 300 minutes of play.

Head coach Craig Shaw was pleased with his team's solid performance in the back.

"Not letting goals in just shows we're getting right on the back line. We've got a good set of girls back there who are getting the rotation and are doing really well for us," Shaw said.

Another promising stat for the women's team is the huge contribution from the freshmen of the team. Three freshmen – Hester, Aiman and **Kylie Watson** – are all tied for the lead scoring position this season with two goals each.

"Actually, it's exciting that freshmen this year are stepping up early and scoring. Those girls have already equaled or bettered the forwards we had last year. Other than **Joanne Glynn**, we struggled to score goals," Shaw said.

Looking ahead, Fort Hays will face a tough test from conference leader University of Central Missouri.

"We've got conference play this weekend and that's where the real test starts," said Shaw.

"We're going to have to be focused. The girls practiced really hard last night and they seem focused to start conference the same way they started non-conference. We're excited to show UCM what we've got."

The Tigers will be motivated from a crushing loss last year when they were tied at 1-1 under UCM and

scored a last minute goal to give them the victory. Fort Hays will get its rematch at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, at the Fort Hays Soccer Stadium.

The Tiger men's win keeps them in strong standing, maintaining their position at the top of the 8-team MIAA rankings. After the national No. 1 Fort Lewis fell in conference play, Fort Hays' No. 13 ranking climbed up to No. 11.

Fort Hays began the scoring in the 25th minute as senior **Tomas Mares** knocked in a deflected effort from the penalty spot. Colorado Mesa countered in the 39th minute, leveling the scores 1-1 at the half.

Senior **Daniel Peralta** got the game-winner in the 70th minute. Shortly after making his second-half introduction, freshman **Michael Cole** made a cut in run behind the defender to the left outside touchline and sent a ball in across the face of goal to meet Mares who played back to an oncoming sophomore **Tanner Brock**, whose shot was redirected in by Peralta.

The Tiger defense, led by sophomore **Carlos Linares**, was kept busy for most of the evening but only allowed one or two good chances to slip by. Fort Hays goalkeeper sophomore **Kent Freund** allowed the one goal and had one save.

As expected, head coach Brett Parker was pleased with the result.

"It was a hard-fought win. This is a very organized side and they're used to playing top 15 teams all the time, so we're very pleased we were able to grind it out," Parker said.

He was also pleased with the effort of his back four.

"We want to be organized defensively and keep clean sheets – that's part of the hallmark of our program," Parker said.

Though somewhat quiet



Sarah Werling/Leader

Freshman Alexis Aiman prepares to strike the ball. The women are 3-1 on the season, while the men are 4-0.

on the night, Fort Hays relied heavily on sophomore Brock and freshman Cole.

"He's got such good vision and such good passing range that we want him to start the attack," Parker said of Brock.

Of Cole, Parker said, "Every time he comes on, he creates things. He gets in behind the back line."

One other player Fort Hays depended on was Peralta, one of the emotional leaders of the team who

recognized his team's slow play in the first half.

"We came out a little flat in the first half but our coach did a good job to lift us up and came out in the second half and really wanted it."

His goal helped lift the Tigers, who controlled the latter half of the game to victory. Coach Parker had pegged Peralta as a leader after the preseason and it seems Daniel enjoys the role.

"That's part of my job, so no matter how I'm feeling, I've got to bring that everyday to this team and try to lift my team up and that's how I've got to do it," Peralta said.

Four Tigers were named with All-Tournament Honors for the FHSU/Days Inn Tiger Classic: Peralta, Brock, Mares and sophomore **Diego Cabral**. The Tigers continue their season this Friday away to Southern Nazarene.

Volleyball struggles against No. 1 UNK

Taylor Deutscher

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team played its home opener Tuesday night. It turned out to be a challenging night for the Tigers as they faced No. 1 University of Nebraska-Kearney. Fort Hays fell in straight sets in its first MIAA matchup.

The first set was not pretty as the Lopers took an early 1-9 lead. The momentum broke with a service error, giving the Tigers another chance at the serve. The points kept rolling for the Lopers until senior **Kayla Zoglman** set up sophomore **Kylee Hoagland** for the kill, bringing the score to 3-15. The set ended with a ball handling error by Zoglman. The final score was 7-25.

Nebraska-Kearney finished the first set with 14 kills on 23 attacks, with no errors to hit .609. Fort Hays' numbers weren't as impressive, however. The Tigers had six kills on 27 attacks with seven errors to hit -.037.

Set two was better. Fort Hays was able to keep up with the Lopers for a while. The Tigers earned three consecutive points to trail 9-16, but they continued to slip further and further behind. Fort Hays fell 12-25.

The third set was do-or-die for the Tigers, and as they returned to the

court, they were determined to put up a good fight. Fort Hays led the Lopers 3-2, a first for the night, after a double-block by sophomore **Sara Hewson** and junior **Jenna Ulrich**.

Nebraska-Kearney tied it up, but Ulrich responded with an angry kill to go up 4-3. A Fort Hays attack error tied the game back up. The Tigers were unable to grasp the lead again, handing Nebraska-Kearney a 16-25 win.

Zoglman led the team with eight digs and 18 assists. Ulrich and Hoagland contributed with six and five kills respectively. Both earned three blocks.

Fort Hays now has a record of 6-4 for the season and 0-1 in the MIAA.

Last weekend, the Tigers entered the Holiday Inn Crossroads Classic in Grand Junction, Colo., hoping to repeat the results from the Panhandle State Tournament.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, the first three matches didn't end in their favor.

Friday morning, the women started the Holiday Inn Crossroads Classic against the Texas Women's University Pioneers. The Tigers battled back and forth as the winner had to be determined in five sets.

Set one resulted in a close 22-25 loss for Fort Hays, but the Tigers came back in set two to win 25-18. The Pioneers

retaliated and took set three as the Tigers fell 19-25.

Bouncing back again, Fort Hays managed to get the victory in another close set, 25-23.

The last set was disappointing as the Tigers suffered their first overall loss of the season. Fort Hays fell to Texas Women's 12-15.

Throughout the game, sophomore **Taylor Mares** was key with 19 kills. Ulrich followed with 12.

After some down time, the women got back out on the court to face Grand Canyon University. Despite a close set two, the Tigers could not keep up with the Lopers, losing in the first three sets.

The game against Colorado Mesa University was similar to the Grand Canyon game. The Tigers took another three-set loss, their third loss of the day. Junior **Makenzie Weinman** kept busy, covering the court with a team-high of 14 digs.

Saturday was a new day, bringing the Tigers the fresh start they needed. Starting things off against Western State College of Colorado, Fort Hays was ready to fight.

The first set went to Fort Hays in a 25-22 victory. Set two was the low-light of the game, ending in a 18-25 defeat.

The Mountaineers put up a good fight in set three, but the Tigers would not allow them to



Courtney Riggle/Leader

Junior Jenna Ulrich and sophomore Sara Hewson reach for the block, while senior Kayla Zoglman covered the floor from behind. The Tigers are 6-4 overall and 0-1 in the MIAA.

earn another win. The final score of the intense third set was 26-24. Set four ended the game in a 25-19 victory for the Tigers.

Leading the team in kills was Hewson with 16 kills on 33 attacks with three errors for a hitting percentage of .394.

Right after the first win of the weekend, Fort Hays had to turn around and go up against Oklahoma-Panhandle State University.

Saturday proved to be a good day for the Tigers as they finished the Holiday Inn Crossroads Classic with a three-set victory.

The game against Oklahoma-Panhandle State was a breather after the rough weekend. The first set was an easy 25-12 win, and the second set was even less of a competition with a score of 25-10.

Set three was a bit closer, but the Tigers still

took the set 25-17. Ulrich hit .647 in the match with 11 kills and not an error to her name. Also hitting with no errors were Hoagland and Mares. Hoagland finished with seven kills while Mares finished with four.

Zoglman had 20 of the 35 assists against Oklahoma-Panhandle.

Fort Hays will hit the road to face conference competitor University of Central Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Friday.

Football suffers loss to No. 15 Washburn

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Saturday evening, the home opener for Fort Hays State University football brought students and members of the community together at Lewis Field. Despite the excitement from the first home game of the season, the Tigers fell to the No. 15 Washburn University Ichabods 20-45.

Fort Hays has lost to Washburn the last four seasons. This year's upsetting score just happened to be the same as last year's in Topeka.

Washburn got a large lead early in the game, with 28 points in the first quarter and 14 more in the second quarter. Washburn covered 83 yards for the touchdown by Matt Kobbeman in just 3:46.

The Tigers then gained possession of the ball, but it was short-lived. After a Fort Hays penalty and two incomplete passes, the Tigers were in the position to punt.

Washburn scored again, this time in just nine seconds. Quarterback Mitch Buhler made a 40-yard pass

to Jordan Hart for the next touchdown.

Things didn't seem to pick up for Fort Hays as junior **Tarean Austin** fumbled, only to have Washburn recover the ball at the Fort Hays 28-yard line. With seven minutes to go in the first quarter, the Ichabods were leading 21-0.

With more bad luck, a pass from Austin was intercepted by Washburn, who used the advantage to score yet again, putting an end to the first quarter.

The second quarter was not much better. The first drive for Fort Hays started off on a positive with freshman **Addie Brown** rushing the ball five yards, a complete pass to senior **Eli Cordon** for ten yards, Brown again rushing six yards, and another complete pass to senior **Cornelius Gallon**, it didn't quite last. Austin's timing started to go awry with three incomplete passes, forcing another punt from junior **Cameron Owens**.

Washburn's next touchdown came from a 52-yard pass to Mark Francher, upping the score to 0-35. With

48 seconds left in the half, the Ichabods scored again, rushing for 32 yards. The half ended with a score of 0-42. Last year, Fort Hays trailed by nine points going into halftime.

Though the Tigers started off sluggish, they picked things up in the second half. Their second drive of the third quarter was the first productive possession for the Tigers. It all started with a 21-yard pass to Cordon to start the possession.

Brown rushed for nine yards, then again for three to earn a first down for Fort Hays. After a 9-yard complete pass to senior **Grant Brown**, A. Brown took the ball 16 more yards for another first down.

Austin got his timing down with an 11-yard pass to Cordon, followed by a 12-yard pass to junior **Shaun Ohlde**. A. Brown rushed for 11 yards and one yard to get to the Washburn 1-yard line. Austin was able to rush for that one yard, finally putting some points up on the Tiger's scoreboard.

Freshman **Drew O'Brien** couldn't quite place the kick, so Fort Hays missed out on

the extra point, keeping the score at 6-42.

Washburn could not produce the touchdown in the next drive, but settled for a field goal.

Freshman **Raheeme Dumas** shined in the fourth quarter with a touchdown after intercepting a pass from Washburn's Joel Piper.

The last touchdown for the Tigers came from Austin's pass to junior **Treyvias Alexander**. This made the final score 20-45.

Austin finished the night with 13 of 31 complete passes for 131 yards. A. Brown had 114 yards on just 21 carries while Cordon covered 55 yards on four catches.

With the season so fresh, there is still time to turn things around.

"We're a brand new team. We're just trying to get that family chemistry coming back together. Once we get that running, in the next couple of games, we're going to start winning," A. Brown said.

The Tigers head to Maryville, Mo., for a game against Northwest Missouri State at 1 p.m. on Saturday.



Samantha Francis/Leader

Freshman Addie Brown tries to get past a Washburn opponent. The Tigers are now 0-2 on the season.

Tigers extend unbeaten streak in Soccer Classic

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The Fort Hays State University men's soccer team opened play in the Days Inn FHSU Soccer Classic with a 3-1 win over the University of Sioux Falls on Friday night. The game was also the Tigers' first home game of the season.

The Tigers dominated proceedings, outshooting the Cougars by 22 shots on goal to 4. Sophomore **Diego Cabral** scored the opener from a penalty kick, while junior **Daniel Peralta** and freshman **Michael Cole** knocked in additional goals as Fort Hays extended its unbeaten streak to three games.

The Tigers came out roaring in front of a packed house, battering the Cougars' goalmouth with three shots in the first two minutes of play. Twenty minutes into the first half, a takeaway in midfield by sophomore **Tanner Brock** led to a foul by Sioux Falls in the

penalty area. Cabral put away the ensuing penalty kick to give the Tigers the early lead.

Fort Hays continued to press during the first half, registering a total of 11 shots. Despite a dramatic bicycle kick from Sioux Falls eight minutes before the break, sophomore goalkeeper **Ryan Pakieser** led the team into halftime without a goal conceded.

After the break, the Tigers came out flat, and the Cougars made them pay. Sioux Falls scored an equalizer just seven minutes into the second half.

The goal jolted Fort Hays back to life. The Tigers again launched a deluge of shots on the opposition goal, with Peralta eventually scoring via a powerful free kick from just outside the 18-yard box.

After an impressive double save from Pakieser 11 minutes from time, the Tigers broke through the Cougars' defense, leaving Cole to

score the insurance goal. The Cougars failed to threaten Pakieser's goal again, and Fort Hays was free to celebrate its third consecutive victory.

Head coach Brett Parker was left impressed by the team's performance.

"Today, we came out and gave a full team effort. Offensively and defensively, it was just an all-around good performance," Parker said.

"I liked the way we played," goalscorer Peralta said. "We had to go hard. You have to attack and that's what we did."

Parker agreed with Peralta's assessment. "It's disappointing to give up goals like that. I thought we responded well. We picked it up a lot, and we got the result we needed," Parker said.

Peralta also had words of appreciation for the crowd that gathered for the game.

"It was a good crowd. It was our first home game and it was a great atmosphere."



Elizabeth McDowell/Leader

Junior Daniel Peralta tries to keep a Cougar away from the ball. The Tigers won their first home game in the Days Inn Soccer Classic.

Tennis opens with 9-0 win

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THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University tennis team started the season with a 9-0 win last Saturday at home against Hastings College.

Sophomore **Caitlyn Wark** and senior **Brianna Watkins** were both successful in their singles matches. Wark and Watkins were dominant on the court as they made sure their opponents remained scoreless.

Though sophomore **Camille Caron-Bedard** and senior **Melissa Skovira** fell one game to their opponents from Hastings College, both managed to come out on top for the win.

Also going away with wins was senior **Laura Johnson** and sophomore **Brittney Ricci**. The ladies gave up only two points throughout the two sets they played.

On to the doubles matches, Skovira and Ricci took over to

win their match 8-3. Caron-Bedard and Wark followed suit and won 8-1. Johnson and Watkins walked away with an 8-2 victory.

The women return to the court Sept. 14, traveling to Lindsborg for the Bethany College Tournament. The Tigers return to Hays on Friday, March 8, where they will face Missouri Western State University. The match against Missouri Western will begin a four-game home stretch.

NFL week one recap

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THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

COMMENTARY

Ladies and gentlemen, football has returned. After seven months of sadness, the National Football League finally embarked on its 2012-13 season. Interesting does not come anywhere close to describing the action delivered in week one.

The biggest story all season was the return of Peyton Manning. Would he adjust to a new setting and if so, would he even be 100 percent healthy?

Manning responded to those inquiries on Sunday by dominating the Pittsburgh Steelers with his mind and his arm. He put on a show, proving why he is arguably the best quarterback in the league, and the chess match at the line of scrimmage between Troy Polamalu was just plain fun to watch.

The Broncos' defense also came up with a few big plays that helped them finish off Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers. The Broncos have another tough matchup next week when they travel to Atlanta to face the Falcons on Monday Night Football, and Manning will officially prove he is the quarterback we remember if he can put on a similar performance in this game.

Upsets happen every week in the NFL, but the Redskins' win over the Saints in New Orleans was to go down as one of the biggest upsets in the history of the league. Not only are the Saints one of the most prolific home teams of all time, but the Redskins also started Robert Griffin III as

quarterback in his first game as a professional.

Griffin looked phenomenal in his inaugural game, not just for a rookie, but for any quarterback anywhere. Eight quarterbacks tried to defeat New Orleans in the Superdome last year and not a single one of them even came close, let alone made it look as easy as Griffin did. The rookie did have a couple of runs where he exposed himself to injury, but Redskin fans should feel at ease knowing they have an outstanding leader for the first time in a long while.

The season officially kicked off with the Cowboys traveling to New York to play the World Champion Giants last Wednesday night. The Cowboys upset the defending champs by exploiting their weak defensive backs and shutting down the Giants' superb wide receiver tandem of Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks.

Dallas appeared to have solidified their defense during the offseason, and the unit should carry the Cowboys to a few more victories. This week will not be one of them when the Cowboys travel to Seattle to play the Seahawks and the 12th man. Seattle on the road and Seattle at home are two drastically different teams every year, and their underrated defense will lead them to the upset victory over the Cowboys.

The Jets shocked the world by scoring 48 points in a win over the visiting Buffalo Bills following up a preseason where they only scored one touchdown in four games. The debate has been raging about whether the Jets are actually

that good, or if the Bills are just that bad. It is difficult to say after one game, but Sanchez needs to perform like this every week if he wants to keep his job for the entire season.

This week's trip to Pittsburgh should tell us more about what kind of Jets team we will see for the rest of the year.

Finally, in a matchup of NFC powerhouses, the San Francisco 49ers dominated the Green Bay Packers 30-22 in a game that was not as close as the score makes it seem.

The 49ers bullied the Packers in all three phases of the game. The Packers have now lost three of their last five games looking back to last year. The underlying story here is how terrible the officials were for both teams. The 49ers got away with numerous pass interference calls throughout the game, while the Packers benefited from a major block in the back during Randall Cobb's punt return for a touchdown. The NFL needs to get the regular officials back on the schedule. Numerous mistakes were made throughout week one.

Week two looks to offer a great set of games, with very few being predicted as lopsided victories. Look for a shootout in Carolina when the Panthers travel north to play the Panthers and another great offense versus defense when the 49ers host the Lions in what has been dubbed as "Shakegate 2." Anyone searching for a sure win should look toward the New England game, but the Bengals should bounce back against the Browns for anyone who wants to separate themselves from the pack.

With sports comes anger

Taylor Deutscher
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER
COMMENTARY

It's just a game. At least, that's what kids are taught until junior high. Then it's not "just a game" ... it's war.

Though I'm a big sports fan myself, I admit that a lot of drama comes with sports. With all the rivalries, there are bound to be some hurt feelings along the way.

Of course, there are times when sports bring people together, whether it's gathering the family for a Thanksgiving football watch-party, or stopping some random guy on the quad to compliment his Boston Celtics shirt.

Some sports fans just take it all too far. I'll admit that there are times when I get carried away about defending my preferred teams, but at least

I realize it. After my favorite team has been doing poorly for so long, I can admit it.

However, there are some people who seem to think that their favorite teams are untouchable. For example: New York Yankees fans. Being a Red Sox fan, I may be slightly biased, but hear me out.

Boston is having a terrible season and is nowhere close in the running to make the playoffs. I am disappointed, but I accept it.

New York fans are sure to make Boston fans aware of this. But as I recall, Boston was the hottest team in baseball last year for quite some time. Until, of course, the postseason crept closer and closer. Then the Red Sox choked and messed everything up, avoiding the playoffs altogether.

This season, the Yankees led the American League East for a while, until they recently let the Baltimore Orioles catch up. I'm not saying the Yankees won't make the playoffs, but I don't think the fans have a right to make fun of what happened to Boston last year

anymore.

Other people don't seem to see things as I do. Tuesday night, I happened to check Twitter and see that a friend made some comment about how the Yankees and the Detroit Tigers are better than all other baseball teams.

I see two things wrong with this. First, pick a team. If someone is going to say that a certain team is better than all other teams, pick one. Second, false. The Yankees don't even have the best record in the MLB right now, so no, they aren't better than all other baseball teams.

Since this was an actual friend who made the comment, of course I replied. I simply let him know that Tuesday night, the Red Sox beat the Yankees. I was nice about it. I even used a smiley face.

I didn't get a nice response back. No smiley face for me.

The point is, try not to get too wrapped up in drama. Sports can be a marvelous thing when bringing people together, but sometimes, they just bring out the worst in people.



Artist's Corner

Q and A

With Max Patterson

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Q: What is your major?
A: Music Technology.

Q: What year in school are you?
A: I am a sophomore.

Q: What do you plan to do with your major?
A: Go into general sound design; recording bands and artists, music for video games or TV. It does not matter as long as I get to work with music somewhere with creative individuals.

Q: What did you want to be growing up?
A: I actually wanted to be a video designer. This meets the both of best

worlds for me.

Q: How did you get involved with music?
A: I have always been very musically talented. My parents guided me from a young age, singing in church choirs or other community groups.

Q: What instruments do you play?
A: I sing, play guitar, piano and trumpet.

Q: How long have you played each instrument?
A: I have been singing for forever, and I started taking piano lessons when I was seven or eight, the trumpet since fifth grade

and guitar since I was 14.

Q: Who is your favorite band?
A: It changes a lot. Right now I have been listening to a lot of Radiohead.

Q: Why?
A: They have just changed so much as a band throughout the years. Radiohead's albums are completely different from each other. They do a lot of different things musically and melodically.

Q: Have you ever seen them in concert?
A: I have not sadly. I am planning on it, though.

Q: Where do you get your inspiration?
A: I get my inspiration everywhere: life experiences, what I see other people going through, anywhere I can find it. I am open to inspiration from all fronts.

Q: How long have you been growing your beard?
A: I have been growing my beard since mid-June. That was the last time I shaved.

Q: Why did you grow a beard?
A: It was partially due to laziness and I thought it would look cool. My girl-

friend has let me get away with it so far.

Q: Do you shampoo it?
A: I do. I clean it once a week.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Fort Hays?
A: My favorite thing about Fort Hays is that everyone is so relaxed. There is a great sense of overall community. You rarely see people disagreeing.

Q: Is there anything that you would like to change about Fort Hays?
A: Can we make our football team better? That was pathetic Saturday.

Q: Are you happy with the way school is currently going for you?
A: I am. I am very happy here.

Q: Would you change anything?
A: No. I do not think so. Everything is going great right now.

Q: Do you like Starbucks?
A: I like their tea. I am not a coffee drinker. I really do like their tea and smoothies.

Q: What is your favorite drink?
A: Probably the chai tea latte.

Imagine Dragons looks to impress with 'Night Visions'

Zach Walker
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

Las Vegas is known to many for a variety of different reasons. Whether it's for the casinos, Elvis impersonators, shotgun weddings or as the setting for the film "The Hangover," Vegas usually conjures a special image in our minds. As of late, Vegas has slowly begun to pick up the distinction as a city that produces talented musical acts.

Bands like The Killers, Panic! At The Disco and The Cab have come out of the desert to burst onto mainstream radio and discover newfound popularity in recent years. Enter Imagine Dragons. Imagine Dragons is an alternative band from Vegas that has steadily built up a following from fans and critics alike since the release of their first EP in 2009. With the release of their new album, "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons have put out one of the year's catchiest albums – even though "Night Visions" features a few growing pains by the young band.

Imagine Dragons flexes its pop muscles with "It's Time," the lead single from "Night Visions." If you listen to pop radio or watch a bit of television, there are high odds that you've actually heard "It's Time." The song has been featured in everything from movie trailers and baseball games to promotions for television shows, and it was even used in Glee. We all know a band hasn't hit the big time until one of their songs gets recycled on Glee.

Right from the beginning note, "It's Time" grabs your attention as it sounds drastically different than any other pop song on the radio. Featuring booming drums, hand-claps and an upbeat-

sounding mandolin, "It's Time" tells the tale of being proud of oneself and being unwilling to change for anyone or anything. The song has a powerful feeling of optimism throughout the entire song even though lead singer Dan Reynolds discusses being alone and the sadness of possibly having to leave his hometown. "It's Time" may be one of the most memorable songs of the year, but it also sends a very clear message: be true to yourself and don't ever waver on that one fact.

Through its eleven tracks, "Night Visions" has no shortage of appealing tunes. The best song on the album, "Radioactive," begins with a guitar being slowly strummed, but the track pulls a complete 180 in the verse as dubstep-influenced beat comes in, adding a new element to the song that sounds great when mixed with the full band. "Radioactive" showcases Reynolds's fantastic vocals and has an insanely catchy chorus that will be stuck in your head for days.

"Demons" is another track on the record that displays Imagine Dragon's ability to write a pop-like song. "Demons" features a beautiful, haunting piano in the background as Reynolds allows his voice to soar and fall through the verses. The song hits its climax during the chorus as Reynolds sings, "When you feel my heat/Look into my eyes/ It's where my demons hide/It's where my demons hide." I wouldn't be surprised if "Demons" makes an appearance on pop radio in the next few months.

Imagine Dragons isn't afraid to be diverse on "Night Visions," and that's what makes this album unique. The band uses an assortment of instruments on the record and delve into different genres of music at times,

helping to create a listening experience where no song sounds like another. For example, "Hear Me" kicks off with a hip-hop type drum beat that stays consistent through each verse while carefully picked guitar notes accent Reynolds's vocals. As the song hits its chorus, heavy synth comes in as Imagine Dragons begins to sound like a reincarnated version of The Killers from the days of their first album.

"Night Visions" does have a fault which prevents the album from truly succeeding in every aspect. While tracks one through seven on the album are superb tracks that can stand on their own successfully, tracks eight through eleven come off as boring, uninspired songs. Imagine Dragons has a high amount of energy and spirit that flows through the first seven tracks, but the last four tracks seem like filler tracks that are there to round the album out. "Night Visions" ends on a sour note in my mind as the album flows and has cohesiveness up until the last four tracks, where it seems to just fall apart.

At the end of the day, "Night Visions" is an album that will propel Imagine Dragons to new heights of popularity and recognition. While the album is only decent, it's a great stepping point for the band's moving forward. If the band can keep their pop sensibility and continue to be diverse in their music, I see Imagine Dragons having a bright future ahead of them – maybe a future brighter than the lights of Vegas.

UAB hosts towel-decorating event

Sydney Studer
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Cody Commons in the lower level of the Memorial Union was set up with four folding tables and four plastic table covers on Friday, Sept. 7. Students lined up on the stage in order to create their very own "Tiger Towels," which was a Creation Station put on by the University Activities Board.

The activity was supposed to be held outside on the patio of the Memorial Union, but due to weather conditions was forced to be held inside.

"I wish it could have been outside," freshman **Elizabeth Channell** said.

"More people would have gotten involved and it would have been fun just chilling in the sun on a Friday afternoon."

The point of the event was to hand out a gold towel to each student who came that read "Tiger Towel," and they could spray paint it however they wanted. The UAB provided the students with spray paint, paint markers and letter stencils.

Junior **Arrielle Nieves** was in charge of the event.

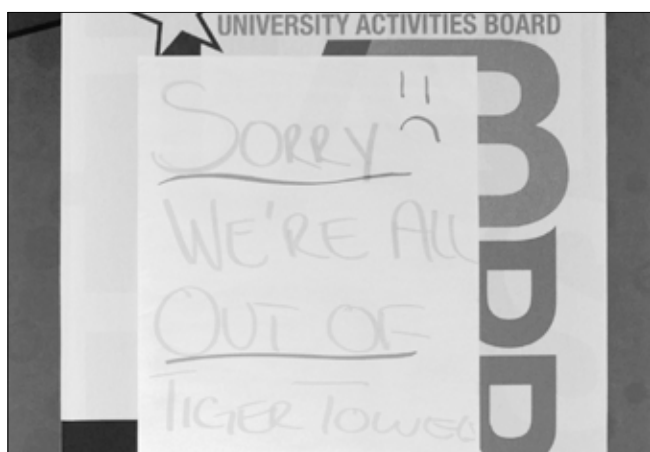
"My favorite part about this is to see people's satisfaction," Nieves said.

"It makes me know I was doing something good, something right."

The idea for the towels came from Nieves's love for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I'm a huge fan and I love their 'Terrible Towel' idea," she said.

"This is a great way to pump up our students for the very first home football



Samantha Francis/Leader

The "Tiger Towels" Creation Station event Friday was so successful that UAB ran out of towels midway through the scheduled time. For the lucky students who did obtain a towel, it was an opportunity to decorate it with stencils and spray paints.

game."

The event started at 11 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. It was the first year University Activities Board put on this project and it was a huge success. It was so successful that the team ran out of towels for people to decorate.

"I was so looking forward to making a towel and I was really upset when I realized they ran out," freshman **Katie Beck** said.

However, the students who were able to make it on time were impressed with the Creation Station.

"Making the Tiger Towel was really fun," freshman **Emma Forgey** said.

"I loved the fact that they had all different colors of spray paint and all the stencils. I definitely made a pink and green one for Delta Zeta!"

The UAB does two or three Creation Stations each semester. The next is on Tuesday, Sept. 18, on the Memorial Union patio. The event will allow students to create their own colored sand bottles.

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Ask an FHSU student

What's the ultimate superpower?



"Wouldn't the ultimate super power be to have all super powers?"

James Rodgers, junior



"Freeze time, so I could look up answers for tests and the teacher wouldn't catch me."

Shannon Smith, junior

"Invisibility, so I can cheat on my A&P test."

Aleasha Krehbiel, sophomore



"Transforming into stuff. That would be sweet."

Sam Cobble, freshman



Student Artwork from Painting 420

Introduction to color and space: Students created two non-objective paintings that integrated separate color limitations. As one of the first oil painting projects in the class, this assignment was developed to serve as an introduction to the material application.



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