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Rock the Vote comes to Hays

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Last night, the University Activities Board introduced MTV's Rachel Robinson, who spoke on behalf of MTV's Rock the Vote campaign.

Rock the Vote is a campaign aimed toward young people that mixes pop culture with voting and has been a part of the election process since 1990, longer than most of the audience members have been alive.

The message has remained the same; however, it doesn't matter who you vote for, as long as you vote.

Rock the Vote is a bipartisan, non-profit initiative and Robinson stuck to that. She showed what the candidates stand for, but didn't advocate for one side or the other.

The crowd got involved when the big issues were put on the screen and Robinson asked how they felt about certain ones.

Robinson stressed the importance of finding a candidate that best reflects the opinions of the potential voter.

She challenged the audience: they may feel strongly about a particular subject, but does that mean they feel strong enough to take that right or choice away from another person.

She said even though in 2008 when the number of young people voting more than doubled, the number is not near what it needs to be. She urged everyone to encourage their friends and family to vote.

"The presentation urged me to talk to my parents about voting because they didn't vote in the last elec-

tions and it is important that everyone does," said sophomore **Daisy Saavedra**.

Robinson said those who are unsure about which candidate best represents their values can visit isidewith.com a nonpartisan website that asks a set of questions and gives the candidates a percentage based on how closely they align with the voters values.

"I thought it was really informative because I really wasn't aware of all the candidates stances on certain issues. It encouraged me to become better informed," said sophomore **Cristina Nieto**.

Students were able to register to vote and Robinson commented on how lucky Kansans were to be able to register at such a late date. Kansans can register to vote until Tuesday, Oct. 16.



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The 44 million members that make up the Millennial generation (18 to 29 year-olds) is the most diverse age group in American voting history with 61 percent identifying as Caucasian, while 17 percent are Hispanic, 15 percent are Black and 4 percent are Asian.

Students to "Swipe" hunger Students to host Political Forum

Sarah Werling

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

On Oct. 13, from 12 to 3 p.m., Forsyth Library will be the headquarters for the Fort Hays State University Global Leadership Project's SWIPE Out Hunger.

SWIPE is a statewide packaging event that puts Kansas colleges and universities head-to-head to see who can package the most food.

The event is sponsored by Numana, Inc., a non-profit organization based out of El Dorado, whose mission is to save the starving. Since its beginning in 2008, Numana, Inc. has helped community members and students package more than 25 million meals.

Last year, Fort Hays was able to pack 21,987 meals with 160 volunteers. This year they have upped their goal to 100,000 meals and have a possible 400 volunteers signed up to help reach this goal.

The Horn of Africa, where these meals will be sent, has an ongoing fam-

ine where refugee camps are in need of food. The meals include soy, rice, beans and a tablet with 21 vitamins and minerals.

A ten-person team can package up to 1,500 meals in an hour. Many organizations on campus have set up a team or teams working one or two hour shifts during the afternoon.

In September, Messiah Lutheran Church of Hays hosted a Hunger Awareness Banquet and silent auction to raise money for SWIPE. \$3,004 was raised and donations are still being taken. Global Leadership Project Coordinator **Kelly Nuckolls** hopes to continue this event every year with the Hays and Fort Hays campus communities, but they need funds.

"We will be taking donations for next year at the event and selling event T-shirts with all proceeds going toward next year's event. Any organization who would like to help fundraise or contribute can email me at glp@fhsu.edu," Nuckolls said.

This year's event regis-

tration is closed, but do not hesitate to volunteer next year.

"This event allows you to feed the starving in the Horn of Africa from right here in Hays, Kan. — a rare opportunity. Without volunteers, Numana would have to pay staff to package the meals. Donations of time are valuable to Numana. World hunger is a crucial topic at this time in our world, with over 870 million starving, yet there is enough food in our world to feed all of them.

"Higher education institutions are on the forefront to doing something practical to end world hunger. With the Universities Fighting World Hunger International Food Summit located in Kansas this year, this is the time to show how passionate and caring FHSU students are about ending world hunger," Nuckolls said.

Other future Global Leadership Project events include Finding Common Grounds, which will discuss the farm bill related to the controversy behind the

cut in SNAPs on Monday, Oct. 15, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in Stouffer Lounge in the Memorial Union. Lunch will be provided to the first 20 people.

The World of Food Week is also next week with Oct. 16 being World Food Day. On World Food Day, an unveiling of the campus food pantry on the first floor of Forsyth Library at 11:45 a.m. will take place along with a Times Talk, "Recognizing Hunger and Addressing the Need" at 12 p.m.

"Numana's mission is to empower people to save the starving that's why I think especially with college students they really fell like they are making a difference because they are actually touching the food that will go to save someone's life. Once they realize that and how simple it is they really enjoy giving their time," Nuckolls said.

A SWIPE event is designed to be a fun, hands-on way for students and volunteers to make a direct impact on the lives of those less fortunate.

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On Monday, the American Democracy Project and Student Government Association will partner with the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce and the Political Science department to host a political forum for Hays area candidates running in the 2012 election.

The forum will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union. It will include candidates running for the second and third district county commissioner seats, the 110th and 111th Districts Kansas House of Representatives seats and the 40th District state Senate seat.

Candidates will give an opening statement followed by five to seven questions students senators have sent in by prior to the event.

Dr. Chapman Rackaway, a political science professor, will moderate the

event.

The evening will begin with Democrat Dean Haselhorst and Republican Ron Adams answering questions. Both are running for the 3rd District county commissioner position.

After will be the 2nd District county commissioner seat, with Democrat Dennis J. Pfannenstiel and Republican Barbara K. Wasinger getting their chance to answer questions.

Democrat Philip H. Martin and Republican Couture-Lovelady will then answer questions, both are running for the 110th District state representative seat.

To follow the candidates for the 111th District state representative are Democrat Eber E. Phelps and Republican Sue E. Boldra.

Lastly Democrat Allen Clark Schmidt and Republican Ralph Ostmeyer will answer questions, both are running for the 40th District state Senate seat.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Hi: 59
Lo: 53

Isolated T-Storms

Saturday



Hi: 78
Lo: 46

Partly Cloudy

Sunday



Hi: 77
Lo: 44

Sunny

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Johnny Hill discusses lack of school spirit at Fort Hays



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Campus to host Domestic Violence Summit

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THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

On Tuesday, Fort Hays State University will host the second annual Domestic Violence Summit in the Memorial Union. It will be an all-day event including three sessions on different topics surrounding domestic violence. The keynote speaker will be Lundy Bancroft, who will speak in the afternoon session. Other speakers will speak during the morning sessions.

"It is a chance to bring more education to our area. Most of the time for people in our community to get quality education, they have to go to the eastern part of the state. We felt it was a need to bring it here," said Charlotte Linsner, executive director for Options.

The Women's Leadership Project and Options, a domestic and sexual violence service serving northwest Kansas, will host the event with many supporters Hays, and across Kansas.

"The goal for Summit is to bring quality education and awareness on domestic violence in our communities into western Kansas. That is the original goal, and it hasn't changed," Linsner said.

The Family Crisis Center from Great Bend and the Family Crisis Service

from Garden City will also help with the event.

"We are trying to expand Summit, so this year we have also included the domestic and sexual violence services in Garden City and Great Bend, so there are really three communities working on it this year," said Christie Brungardt, the director of the Women's Leadership Project.

"We have three communities that have colleges with them and we are hoping to do a triangle thing. It is here this year, next year it might be in Great Bend then it might be in Garden City. The reason being is to reach more people," Linsner said.

Summit begins with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Two morning sessions will follow with the first from 9 to 10:15 and the second from 10:30 to 11:45. Individuals will be able to choose two of the morning sessions that include speakers from different organizations across the state.

Abuse and its effects on the disabled will be a focus throughout the morning sessions with Ken Loos from High Plains Mental Health speaking on mental health first aid, as well as a panel discussing disability and domestic violence consisting of victims, law enforcement

and advocates.

Ottawa and Newton's Chief of Police, Dennis Butler and Jim Daily, will be speaking with Jan Jones, the executive director of Harvey County Safe House, on their community's Response Team Model.

"In those Kansas communities, they are really known across the state as the best practices in the state in terms of their community response to gender-based violence," Brungardt said.

"They're going to be talking about their community's response to violence and we are hoping other communities will model after them," Brungardt said.

Travis Harrod from the Kansas Attorney General's Office and Sara Rust-Martin from the Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence will discuss the prosecution process of domestic violence cases in the state. Shirley Fessler will present the SANE programs offered by the Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

SANE stands for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, a specially trained registered nurse who provides treatment and physical assessments of victims. Nurses in SANE belong to a Sexual Assault Response Team, or SART.



Courtesy Photo

Attendees will have a choice of which presentations they will attend during the morning sessions, with Lundy Bancroft being the only session in the afternoon.

"Hays has only had a sexual assault nursing examiner program for the past three or four years, and we now have an advocate on campus," Brungardt said.

The final session will be a speech by Lundy Bancroft from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. with an hour forum following. Bancroft is an author of four books on domestic violence and will speak on how domestic violence affects the family.

The fee for an individual is \$65 or \$55 per person for a group of four or more. The fee for students is \$40. The registration fee comes with a \$10 meal ticket for the Union food court.

"Because I am a part of the Fort Hays community, I really feel a sense that we need to let everyone on campus know that when you get this many people together in one concentrated place, these issues are occurring and we need to

quit just turning our heads and hoping we don't hear about it," Brungardt said.

"It is not for just the people in our field, but for the community at large. It is for businesses that work with us, but also other businesses. It is for the average person on the street, how they can help. Awareness is the key," Linsner said.

For more information regarding Summit contact Options at (785) 625-3055.

Alpha Kappa Psi Hosts annual blood drive

Tyler Parks

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Donating blood is an act that can save many lives.

Alpha Kappa Psi and American Red Cross will host the fall semester blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Union.

The goal for the blood drive is 200 participants, 40 more than last year. Walk-ins are welcome; however, sign-ups will be Tuesday, Oct. 16, Wednesday, Oct. 17, Friday, Oct. 26 and Monday, Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Union.

"A big target for the American Red Cross is college students because most of them have never donated, and this is one

way they can get people to donate and continue to donate," said senior **Anna Weber**, chairperson for the American Red Cross on campus and Alpha Kappa Psi.

Donors will not walk away empty handed. Each donor will be entered to win a 19" television, scratch-off tickets for prizes and coupons to Freddy's and McDonald's.

One blood donation can save three lives, and the Red Cross provides blood to servicemen and women.

In the United States 34,000 pints of blood are used each day, with 500 in the Central Plains region that includes Kansas.

Almost 4 million people donate blood through Red Cross each year accounting for 40 percent of America's blood.

The spring blood drive will be on Mar. 6 and 7. Fort Hays State University will compete with Emporia State to see who can donate the most blood. Fort Hays has won the past 10 years; along with the bragging rights, the traveling trophy has made its home in a case in McCartney Hall.

Alpha Kappa Psi is the business fraternity on campus and hosts the two

blood drives on campus with Red Cross every year.

"Alpha Kappa Psi is really big on service, and we do all of the volunteer work before and after the event. It is a continuous project we do," Weber said.

For more information or to set up an appointment to donate call (316) 303-6067 or visit red-crossblood.org.

Food bank battle

Sydney Studer

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University all-campus non-perishable food drive will be taking place on Saturday, Oct. 13, and will be running through Friday, Oct. 19, in order to fill the on-campus food pantry.

The event will be part of World Food Week, which is Oct. 14 through Oct. 21 and includes many different service projects relating to hunger.

The on-campus food pantry is new this year and something the university is excited about.

"The pantry is for students who have hunger insecurities," said Tigers in Service Co-Director sophomore **Becca Kohl**. "It will be opening on the 16th." The pantry is designed

around a "take one, leave one" philosophy.

"The idea is that if you do need to take some, then maybe later you can replenish what you took," said Tigers in Service Program Coordinator and graduate student **Jen Verhagen**.

The team has one goal: to fill the pantry.

"It's the first year we've had the pantry, so right now we just want to fill it up," Tigers in Service Co-Director **Arin Powers** said.

In addition to filling up the pantry, Tigers in Service makes it a competition to get optimal participation from of the university.

"For every 20 cans your organization brings in, your organization gets one service hour as a whole," said Kohl.

"Each organization on campus has to have 20

hours of community service each year, and having each of your members donate a few cans is a great way to get involved and to get your organization some hours," said Kohl.

Students can take their canned food to a box located outside of room 202 in Custer Hall.

Fort Hays is one of the first universities to have an on-campus food pantry. It will be located in Forsyth Library.

In honor of United Nations World Food Day, students from the Agriculture 620 class will give a Times Talk on "Recognizing Hunger and Addressing the Need," from noon to 1 p.m. in Forsyth Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony for Fort Hays's first food pantry will be at the library at 11:45 a.m.

Agnew Dedication



Jolie Green/Leader

On Saturday, Oct. 6, sophomore Brian Smith cut the ceremonial ribbon at Agnew Hall. Smith is pictured with Director of Residential Life Brian Faust, left, and President Hammond, right. Agnew was dedicated during Homecoming weekend.

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Fort Hays lacking school spirit

Johnny Hill

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Last week, we celebrated what is probably the biggest event on campus all year – except perhaps that thrilling moment when you finish your last final at the end of the year. Yes, I am talking about Homecoming. It was during these celebrations that a thought occurred to me – one that eventually turned into the inspiration for this piece.

As I was reminiscing about Homecoming weekend and the surrounding traditions, I noticed it was lacking something: school spirit. This phrase is practically one of the themes of Homecoming. However, it seems that many people on campus seem to be overlooking this requirement.

I noticed last week just how many of my peers were unsupportive of the

institution they attend. Some claimed there was no reason to go to the game since we will likely continue our not-so-hot losing streak, while others griped about the bombardment of Homecoming Court advertisements that could give political ads a run for their money. Through all this, I realized just what school spirit is – and what it isn't.

Please do not misunderstand me. I am far from innocent. I have managed to watch a whopping total of half a football game this year. At the same time, I do not think I am all that delinquent either. I have worn gold every single Friday since the second or third week of school, and I made it a point to vote in the Homecoming elections. The thing that makes school spirit so hard to flaunt is nothing more than the lack of co-flaunters.

Think about it. Who wants to go to a football game, only to stand next to people making fun of our slippery defense or chiding the players for the numerous interceptions? Not this guy. I try to sit there at the games and cheer our team on through the sighs and moans, but I feel like a freak doing it. Shouldn't it be the other way around?

Furthermore, I shudder every Friday when I walk into class and I am the sole bearer of gold clothing. It is almost depressing. This brings up my main question: Where is your spirit, Tigers?

In a meeting last week, we were discussing the theme of this year's Homecoming, "A Celebration of Tiger Nation." Upon hearing this for the first time, one student quipped, "What are we celebrating? No offense, but we're terrible!"

That was stupefying to hear. The fact that someone wrote off school spirit because of poor athletic performances is unnerving to me. I went to a high school where sports were not quite our strong suit. Yet every game night, the student body decked out in green and gold and cheered our team on through the bitter cold and equally bitter disappointment. So coming to Fort Hays, I thought I had nothing to lose. Apparently, there was something to be lost.

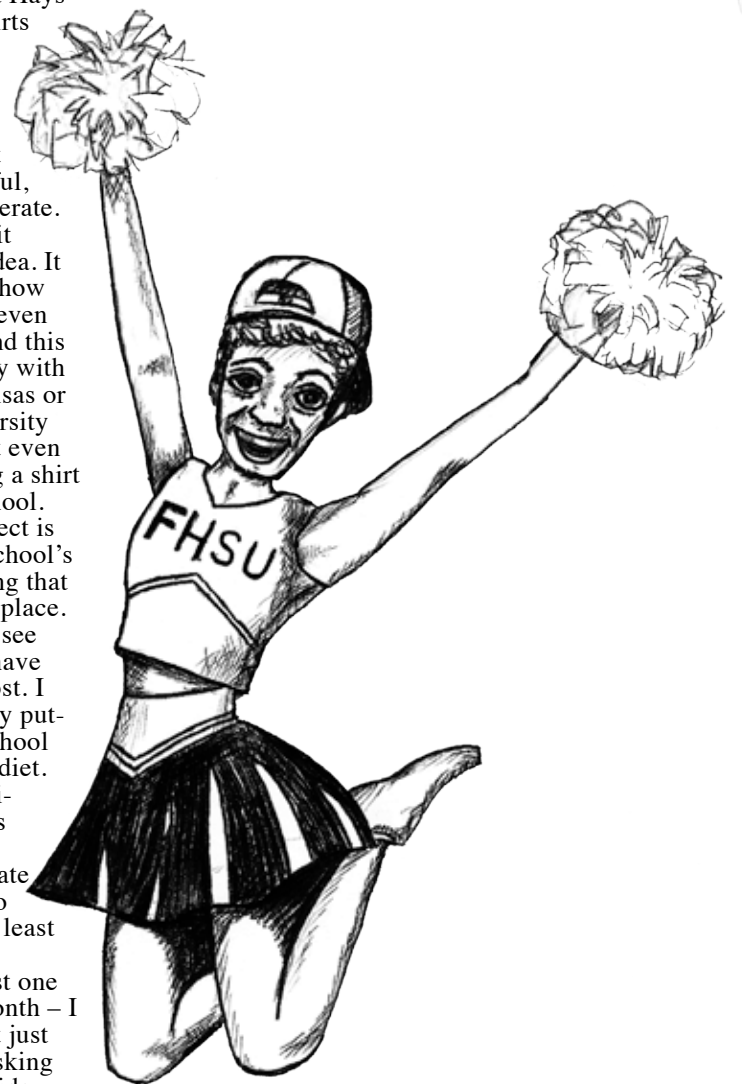
Maybe it is the lacking sense of unity within our students. Maybe it is the devotion to other universities. The Tiger Bonfire last Thursday seemed to approach both these issues

by trading new Fort Hays State University shirts for other schools' shirts, which was later burned in the bonfire. Some people complained that this was disrespectful, dirty and even desperate.

I, for one, think it was an incredible idea. It astounds me to see how many students and even teachers walk around this university every day with a University of Kansas or Kansas State University shirt on. I could not even think about wearing a shirt from a different school. Perhaps the disrespect is not burning other school's clothing, but wearing that clothing in the first place.

I have started to see that maybe even I have more spirit than most. I encourage you to try putting a little more school spirit in your daily diet. Participate in the Tiger Gold on Fridays campaign. I have a dozen Fort Hays State University shirts, so I know you have at least one laying around.

Get out to at least one sports game this month – I mean any sport, not just football. All I am asking is to have a little pride. You're a Tiger, for goodness' sake.



Cutting PBS funding foolish

Austin Koeller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Ever since I was little, I've watched PBS and "Sesame Street". For years, PBS has had an enormous impact on people who watch the channel. Last week during the presidential debate, Mitt Romney said that he would eliminate the debt by cutting funding for programs that "didn't need to have money borrowed from China to survive." In the debate, Romney suggested that funding for PBS be cut stating that, while he loved Big Bird, funding for him needs to be cut.

This has resulted in a number of comments on Facebook and Twitter about "saving Big Bird," along with memes, YouTube videos and a Saturday Night Live parody. I agree with the general idea of Romney's statement: We need to cut funding for programs that need to borrow money to survive. However,

I do not believe that the government should cut funding for PBS.

As the PBS website states, the consequences of cutting funding outweighs the benefits. While Romney implied that PBS takes up a huge amount of federal funding, PBS costs \$1.35 a year per taxpayer. For every federal dollar that they spend, \$6 is raised in revenue. Contrary to Romney's statement, PBS benefits the economy by gaining revenue.

PBS is "America's largest classroom." With quality shows such as "Sesame Street," "The Democracy Project," "History Detectives," "NOVA" and "The PBS News Hour," viewers are able to learn something by watching TV. These shows provide viewers with basic knowledge of the alphabet, government, the presidential election, history and science, along with quality information on current news events. The statistics that come from watching these shows are reason enough to save PBS. Only three percent of high school students take an astronomy course in high school. However, five million people tune in to "NOVA" each week to learn about space. Research also shows

that students who watched "Sesame Street" in preschool spend more time reading for fun and obtain higher grades. When PBS released an app for "Martha Speaks," research showed that those who had used the app for two weeks had a 31 percent gain in vocabulary.

While there does need to be drastic cuts to balance our budget and eliminate the debt, Romney's proposal of cutting funding to PBS is not the answer.

I admit, I watch PBS to get the information I need on various topics. There are not too many channels on television today – except for cable news channels and the History Channel – that provide quality information to the general public. When doing research for a class on a topic, I can count on PBS to be a trusted source of information.

We need to pursue other methods of cutting spending. It would be foolish to cut funding for PBS, and I hope that Romney does not cut funding for PBS. It is my hope that in the future, my children and future generations can experience the joys of watching Big Bird on "Sesame Street" and learning about the universe on "NOVA" just as I have.

Letter to the editor . . . Concerns on student courtesy and support

Dear Editor,

As a theatre student and assistant director of the Music and Theatre department's fall musical "Curtains," I was thoroughly unimpressed with the behavior of the bonfire participants waiting in front of Malloy Hall last Thursday evening. The route to the bonfire led through Malloy Hall lawn at 7:25 p.m. Because of this, many students and student athletes were waiting at this spot, which happened to be blocking the entrances to the theater.

All shows at Felten-Start Theater begin at 7:30 p.m. If you compare the times between the bonfire snake and our production, you will understand that this means those attending the show, or even considering it, had to make their way through a rowdy crowd of less than friendly students.

When I call them "less than friendly," I am putting it lightly. I, along with several other members of the stage crew, the musical director and the stage director, asked them to please clear a path for those attending the musical. We were met with sneers, side comments and rude behavior. Someone even tried to argue that the bonfire route had been in place since last spring as if this were a justification. I find it ironic that the bonfire route is common knowledge on campus months ahead of time, yet students have no idea what is taking place inside Malloy Hall four times a year. I might add that the dates for our shows are also set in late spring and early summer, yet we are constantly being booked over and overlooked.

For those of you who are not familiar with Fort Hays Music and Theatre, never fear; the sad fact of the matter is, you are not alone. The department puts on four main stage productions a year as well as a student-run production in the spring. These productions take a minimum six to eight weeks of rehearsal and preparation for a single show. This means that the performers are rehearsing five to seven days a week for three to four hours a day, and that is

just the students on stage.

For "Curtains" alone, there were over sixty members working on this show, including the cast, the crew, the orchestra pit, box office management, ushers and directors. There have been 1,200 hours put into this show alone. Most students are working for free, though a few of us have small scholarships from the department. The majority of us are volunteering our time and skills.

When a group puts in that much time and effort into something that lasts three short evenings and a matinee, it frustrates us to not only be overshadowed but to be disregarded and disrespected in the way we were on Thursday evening by fellow students.

Make no mistake; this is not a spitting contest; I am not comparing athletics and theatre or trying to decipher which one is better or more valuable. They are two separate entities and with the power to benefit the student body.

On the contrary, I am stating that as athletes who work so diligently, they should understand how important it is to have an audience that supports them when they perform. For them to step on our toes on our "game day" in order to celebrate their upcoming home game feels counterproductive and creates separation between the students. It is reminiscent of the Jets and Sharks fighting over their turf – like in "West Side Story" – when we could be one cohesive unit of individuals who support one another.

On some level, it was extremely frustrating to watch so many students standing outside of our theatre complex waiting for something that had nothing to do with the production we put on. Not only that, but they were uninterested and disregarded what we were about to do. I can tell you from experience that most students are not aware of what takes place in the theatre, despite our best efforts to invite them in. I was recently informed that student athletes were required to attend "Sex Ed Boot Camp." While I am not discrediting the importance and amusement value of sex education, I

cannot help but wonder why those same requirements cannot be put in place for the attendance of theatre productions. Why not grasp all this campus has to offer? If you can benefit from a lecture about sexual intercourse, then you could enjoy an evening of entertainment and enlightenment brought to you by fellow hard-working individuals who do what they do on the stage specifically for you.

Please do not mistake what I am trying to say. The bonfire is a wonderful event to drum up enthusiasm for our homecoming celebration, and I know that if we did not have a show taking place on the same evening, most of us would have been cheering on our team and homecoming candidates right along with the rest of the student body. Therein my previous statement is exactly the point I am trying to make: We want to support you. We ask that maybe in the future you will consider us and what we have to offer this campus. What we desire is to see support from our fellow students.

If I am not mistaken, we are all here for the same reason: to get a quality education. We just go about it in different ways. No one entity is more important than the other, and just like athletics, biology, elementary education, art, technology studies, fraternities and sororities, the Rodeo Club, the University Activities Board and all other student majors and organizations on campus, the Music and Theatre students work hard and deserve to be treated with the same respect.

For future reference, the rest of our season is as follows: "Almost Maine" on Nov. 15, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m.; "Hansel and Gretel" on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. and March 10 at 2:30 p.m.; and "The Glass Menagerie" on May 2, 3, 4 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5 at 2:30 p.m. We hope to see some of our fellow students supporting us. If you would like to get involved in our productions, stop by Malloy Hall 100. We would love to have you.

Sincerely,
Lydia Fuqua

Distracters deterring to class

Eric Bader

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



From time to time, as longtime readers of the University Leader may have noticed, members of the editorial staff take the opportunity to reflect on the behaviors of their fellow classmates.

By "reflect on," I mean "complain about." Earlier this year, Tyler Parks wrote a brilliant column urging readers to speak, rather than sit passively, while in class. I offer a counterexample.

As Tyler mentioned, you, as a student, are paying for an education. Each class is a ridiculous sum of money out of your pocket, so you might as well take part in it. The pertinent detail is that what you're saying in class needs to be relevant to the

conversation. If you're in, say, Listening to Music, maybe the things that you bring up should be in some way related to music, not annoying things your boyfriend does or some totally hilarious thing you saw or heard on the way to class.

Of course, sometimes the instructor is to blame. Certain professors are way too willing to accept such derailings of the educational process, responding to irrelevant information with attention and even encouragement. In some cases, the distraction is so lengthy that, before you know it, class has ended before the scheduled material can be discussed. Then tests are pushed back, chapters are dropped from the required reading and – wait, that doesn't sound too bad.

I know from personal experience that some people are talented distracters. Certain teachers have buttons to press. My geometry teacher in high school was a particularly bad example: Mention his ex-wife or the Vietnam War, and he'll regale you with weirdly personal stories until the bell rings. My classmates used

this to their advantage, often intentionally sending him on a 50-minute trip down memory lane on Fridays, Mondays or any other day when they felt like paying attention would be too mentally taxing.

What I'm saying here is, while it may be tempting to lure class discussion away from class material, it hurts in the long run. Delayed discussions may pile up at the end of the semester, forcing all the students to double down on studying for what should have been paced more evenly across the course.

If you are not a devious distracter, consider leading the discussion back to where it should be. If you are, just stop. I don't care about what you overheard at work yesterday; I don't care that you heard a totally sweet dubstep remix of the "Sesame Street" theme, and I don't want you to pull it up on YouTube on the classroom computer.

Just remember – and this goes for distracters, non-distracters and instructors alike – we are here to learn about the subject in the course title. That's the way we should keep things.

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Oktoberfest memories

Juniors Jasmine Jin, left, and Christina Wang fight the rain as they prepare food during the Oktoberfest celebration in Frontier Park on Friday afternoon. In spite of the chilly weather and intermittent rain, the park was still packed.

Students observe the blaze during the Tiger Bonfire last Thursday night outside the Robbins Center. Students were encouraged to bring T-shirts of other universities to exchange for Fort Hays T-shirts. Some of the collected shirts were burned, while others were given to charity. The bonfire was intended to raise school spirit before the Homecoming football game.

Green Day's "Uno" falls flat

Zach Walker
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER
REVIEW

In the last decade, there hasn't been a more polarizing punk rock band than Green Day. After releasing the popular album "Dookie" in 1994, Green Day rose to the top of the music world only to watch their popularity dwindle with the release of three mediocre albums. In 2004, Green Day came back from the dead with the release of rock opera "American Idiot." "American Idiot" garnered critical acclaim and allowed Green Day to gain a new generation of fans. With the release of their second rock opera "21st Century Breakdown" in 2009, Green Day saw massive commercial success. Green Day took some time away from

the recording scene to tour, relax a bit and even produce a musical called "American Idiot" based on the album of the same name. Coming back from this three-year absence, Green Day decided to up the ante and release a trio of albums, named the "Uno! Dos! Tre!" trilogy, in quick succession. Green Day released "Uno!" on Sept. 24. Since "American Idiot" and "21st Century Breakdown" were Green Day's crowning achievements, "Uno!" had two tough acts to follow right from the start. "Uno!" seemed doomed to fail even after the release of first single, "Oh Love." While Green Day has a skill for writing great, radio ready singles, "Oh Love" falls flat on its face within the first minute of the song. The song lacks a big chorus and becomes repetitive by the second verse.

While "Oh Love" may not have been a memorable single, the second single of the album, "Kill The DJ," will go down as one of the most memorable songs on the album. What qualities of "Kill The DJ" make it so memorable? It's without a doubt one of the worst songs that Green Day has ever written. Beginning with a guitar riff that sounds like something the Red Hot Chili Peppers would make up as a joke in their spare time, "Kill The DJ" displays a sound unlike anything heard from Green Day on previous albums. The song comes out of nowhere on the album, ruining the momentum of the first four straightforward, punk rock tracks. "Kill The DJ" also features some cringe-worthy lyrics as lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong clamors in the chorus for

someone to kill the DJ by any means possible. The track is awkward to listen to and the bad taste will linger in the minds of listeners long after the final listen of this album. The first four tracks of "Uno!" sound like the Green Day that everyone has come to know and recognize. "Nuclear Family" and "Stay The Night" exhibit the punk rock music that Green Day has made since 1987 complete with the furious onslaught of muted power chords and yelps from Armstrong that have been present in their music since their very first album. The fourth track, "Let Yourself Go," gleams like a diamond on this otherwise unexceptional album. Green Day comes off as a band that does not care about what anyone thinks about the music they make, and "Let Yourself Go" reaffirms

that belief. Featuring a barrage of cuss words from Armstrong, a ferocious guitar that never lets up and a killer guitar solo, "Let Yourself Go" is a track that plays off Green Day's strengths: being a fun band that writes catchy jams. Another reason "Uno!" falters is the cringe-worthy lyrics throughout the entire album. On the past two albums, Armstrong wrote powerful, political lyrics and mixed them into concept albums with loose stories, but "Uno!" displays Armstrong at his weakest. The lyrics on tracks like "Troublemaker" and "Fell For You" are laughable and make one question how serious Armstrong was when he wrote this album. After one listen, "Uno!" blends together into one big mess of a record. Every song has the same structure, melodies,

and most of the songs are around the same length. The album does not contain any songs with epic build-ups or ballads. Outside of "Kill The DJ," each song sounds like the previous. The album is incredibly boring and stale for a band that helped to reinvent the punk-rock sound in the 90s. "Uno!" shows Green Day at a bizarre period in their career — they are a major band and they have come to a crossroads. The band can't go on writing rock operas with politically charged lyrics forever, but Green Day can't put out another lackluster album like "Uno!" With the next two albums, "Dos!" and "Tre!," Green Day has to decide what direction they want to take in their career because lackluster albums like "Uno!" won't cut it for a band of this magnitude.

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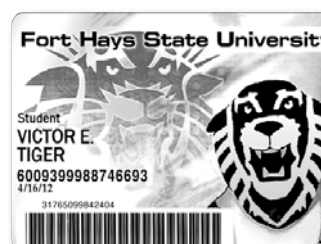
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Tigers forced with first season draw

Colin Miller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University men's soccer team ground through a tough home stretch against two non-conference foes. They lost their first match against Eastern New Mexico with a score of 2-0 on Friday, Oct. 5, and were forced to come from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 draw against West Texas A&M the following Sunday.

The results leave the Tigers with an 8-3-1 record overall and 4-1 in the MIAA and a No. 2 ranking in the conference.

The Tigers trailed for the majority of the Eastern New Mexico match as they conceded three minutes into the contest, failing to clear a hard shot at goal. They threatened to level the score several times with shots throughout the first half. One stretch of play even saw two different players denied by the crossbar. The Tigers went into the break 1-0.

Fort Hays was unable to stir up any real offensive threat and Eastern New Mexico sealed their victory on an 84th minute penalty after senior **Jared Bailey** tackled a Greyhound forward from behind inside the box. As has been the case all year, Fort Hays was unable to get on the scoresheet.

After the match, head coach Brett Parker spoke about the team's performance in both halves.

"We had two or three great chances first half, but then second half we had no rhythm and we just got outplayed and we've got to figure out how to do better in the second half," Parker said.

Fort Hays looked doomed to repeat their performance on Sunday as they fell behind to West Texas A&M on two

second half goals from Dominic Furness, but junior All-American **Diego Cabral** scored a brace in the final 10 minutes to force overtime.

Cabral snatched his first from the penalty spot in the 79th minute and then doubled six minutes later after a free kick from freshman **Tanner Brock** free kick and headed past the keeper.

Fort Hays had an opportunity to win the match in overtime as Eastern New Mexico was reduced to 10 men after Abel Olivas received his second yellow of the match. Both teams went without another goal until the final whistle, ending the match in a 2-2 draw.

The West Texas match had more high points than Fort Hays' previous game against Eastern New Mexico. Despite the draw, Coach Parker was pleased with the outcome.

"It was much better than Friday. West Texas is very good, very deserving of being the No. 11 team in the country. We played much harder, much better overall. They scored two great goals to start the second half and we came back and showed good character and forced it to overtime and then ended with the draw," Parker said.

Looking forward, the Tigers must continue their upward momentum if they hope to secure a playoff spot. This will be important in the next matches.

"We've got four on the road, so these next two weeks will be important, starting with Truman on the road. We're happy to get back to the conference and push through this home stretch, hopefully set ourselves up for a good spot in the post season," Parker said.

With the loss of several important players, Fort Hays has been forced to recalibrate some of the



Sarah Werling/Leader

Junior Dula Fadis defends the ball against Eastern New Mexico last Friday. The Tigers are 8-3-1 overall and 4-1 in the MIAA.

on-field dynamics. These two non-conference matches were the perfect opportunity to get through the growing pains of the process.

"We're close to having the right mix. We're close

to having those freshman, the guys we're relying on as young players to step up and we're real close as a team and understanding what it takes effort-wise and intensity-wise and compete at this level and

be where we want to be. It was a good weekend for that and we definitely got better over the course of the two matches," Parker said.

Despite not winning a match over the weekend,

Fort Hays remains No. 2 in the MIAA and 17th in the national rankings, the highest of any MIAA school. The Tigers continue their season away at Truman today and then at Upper Iowa tomorrow.

Record-breaking Brees dominates

Taylor Lunsford

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

COMMENTARY

It is hard to believe, but we have been through five weeks of NFL football. It seems like just yesterday, everyone was making their preseason predictions, with many picking the Packers to win the Super Bowl this year.

With the Packers sitting at 2-3, their chances at making the playoffs are beginning to look slim.

The Packers traveled to Indianapolis this week in a game most thought they had in the bag, but the circumstances were not right for Green Bay to come out with a victory.

The Colts were playing inspired by the recent news that Head Coach Chuck Pagano had been diagnosed with leukemia last week and would likely be missing the rest of the season while he received treatment in the hospital.

The phrase "Chuck-strong" filled the stadium, and the Colts overcame an 18-point halftime deficit to beat the Packers in an emotional victory. The game ball was hand-delivered to Pagano at the hospital and Green Bay was sent home with their third loss on the season. It is looking like that loss to Seattle on Monday night a few weeks ago could cost them the post-season.

While I did not pick the

Packers to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl, I admit that I may have overinvested in the Panthers.

Cam Newton is in a serious sophomore slump, and Carolina's defense looks terrible. I predicted they would win the NFC South, and while the Saints have looked awful without their coaching staff, the Falcons are running away with the division and appear to be one of the best teams in the league.

Meanwhile, Newton has lost the magic he had in his rookie season and is singlehandedly getting me beaten in multiple fantasy leagues. The Panthers need to pull themselves together quickly if they are to have any chance of salvaging their season, but it does not look like this is their year.

After a disappointing start to the season, the Saints finally got their first win of the season over the visiting San Diego Chargers.

The big story coming from the game was Drew Brees breaking Johnny Unitas' record of 47 straight games with a touchdown pass. This was one of those records that nobody ever thought would be broken, and that is what makes it so impressive.

Brees has dominated the league since he joined the Saints half a decade ago, and he deserves every record and award he gets.

See Recap B2

Fall tennis comes to an end

Taylor Deutscher

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Last Friday was the final match in the Fort Hays State University's women's tennis fall season. The Tigers ended at home on a damp, cold afternoon with a 7-2 loss to Newman University.

This final score was a complete reversal from their most recent 7-2 victory over Colorado Christian University.

The only pair able to score for Fort Hays consisted of freshmen **Camille Caron-Bedard** and **Caitlyn Wark**. The team defeated Newman with a score of 8-2 in the doubles play.

Wark added another point for the Tigers in her singles match. Seniors **Melissa Skovira** and **Laura Johnson** forced their opponents into the final set. Both ended in disappointing losses. Skovira ended the final set 10-6, while Johnson's final set was 12-10.

The schedule will resume the season on March 2 against Hastings College in Hastings, Neb. The fall season opened with a match against Hastings, which ended in a huge 9-0 victory for Fort Hays.

Fort Hays ended the fall season with a record of 30-26 in singles matches and 20-8 in doubles matches.

The Tigers will have a record of 4-2 overall going into the spring season.



Jolie Green/Leader

Senior Melissa Skovira pulls back to take a swing at the ball on Friday. The Tigers finished the fall season with a record of 4-2.

Women slip away from postseason goal

Colin Miller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University women's soccer team had a tough weekend of away matches, dropping two important MIAA games. The Tigers were shut out 2-0 by conference-leading Central Oklahoma on Friday, Oct. 5, then lost a close contest 2-1 to Northeastern State, thanks to a 106th minute overtime goal on Sunday, Oct. 7. The two losses drop the Tigers to 7-5 and 3-4 in the MIAA.

Against Central Oklahoma, Fort Hays held the Bronchos to a scoreless first half. The Tigers looked to be the better side at the break as their short-passing game had nearly broken the Broncho defense, but the second half proved to be the decider for the teams.

Fort Hays conceded a goal seven minutes into the second half on a shot that sophomore goalkeeper **Nicole Barnaba** could not keep out. Central Oklahoma sealed the victory with a goal two minutes from full time with another shot from far out, this time going over Barnaba's reach from 30 yards out.

Head coach Craig Shaw noticed the gap in quality of play between the halves.

"The first half, we outplayed them and for some reason they came out second half and they were more physical. Why we were playing so well the first half is we were winning all the battles — the 50/50s, the head balls, that kind of stuff. They started seven or eight seniors and they came out and really took it to us and we started losing those battles and

they started controlling the game," Shaw said.

The Tigers stayed in Oklahoma to battle Northeastern State the following Sunday. Unlike in the Central Oklahoma game, Fort Hays was the weaker side at the start. The Tigers gave up a goal in the first 10 minutes and went into the halftime break behind 1-0.

They responded well after the interval to level the score at 1-1 thanks to freshman **Ember Albertson**, who struck home a flip-throw from freshman **Alexis Aiman**.

With the scores level through the regulation 90 minutes, the teams went to overtime. After 16 scoreless minutes, the match looked set to finish in a draw, but Fort Hays failed to clear a shot on goal and Northeastern State converted to end the match at 2-1.

The two losses drop Fort Hays to No. 7 in the MIAA standings. With the team hoping to finish fourth and continue in the postseason, the Tigers must cover a lot of ground and start winning matches soon.

"It's going to be a lot more difficult now, but we still have got a lot of games left, still trying to fight for that top half, that fourth or fifth. It's looking a little more likely we'll be fighting for that fifth or sixth. We really needed to pick up one win over the weekend to secure fourth. So it's not out of the question, but we've made it a harder path to get there, not picking up any wins this weekend," Shaw said.

Throughout the season, Fort Hays has struggled with consistency. The Tigers showed flashes of

brilliance with lackluster play.

"In the Northeastern game, we were horrible the first half. We were all over the place. We got ourselves together, played very well the second half, got ourselves into the game and ended up losing unluckily in overtime, but we just didn't put two halves together in the second game. It's frustrating. We have a bit of naivete, a bit of youthfulness and we forget to play the full 90 and at this level, it costs you," Shaw said.

Youth is a factor for the Tigers, who will start as many as seven freshman in any given match. The biggest hindrance of this youth is the understanding of the college game.

"I think it's understanding that it's not like club soccer or high school soccer where you can get away with playing good for half a game or for 20 minutes each half. At this level, you get punished if you do that," Shaw said.

Looking forward, the Tigers must focus on playing their style of soccer, rather than letting other teams dictate the pace of play.

"We can't fall into that trap of playing long-ball soccer, because that's not us. That's not how we win games," Shaw said.

Fort Hays hosts two MIAA games this week. The first game will be against Missouri Western today, and the second game will be against Northwest Missouri State the following Saturday. Both teams are ranked above the Tigers and both games will be held at the Fort Hays State University Soccer Stadium.

Tigers end regular season

Colin Miller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University cross-country teams hosted the annual Tiger Open meet over the weekend. Both teams competed on the new Sand Plum Nature Trail just outside of Victoria.

The men's team had a strong showing with two runners placing in the top three and a total of five in the top 15, earning them second. The women's team also placed well with a single top three performance and four runners in the top 15. This effort was enough to earn the women third overall.

The women's team kicked off the meet at 9 a.m., running their 5K course in the same undesirable conditions that have plagued them all year. The cold and rainy weather didn't seem to slow down sophomore **Alex Nelson** as she led the Tigers with a third place finish, completing the course in 18:26.

Juniors **Gentry Lin-scott**, **Carman Hill**, and **Marie Schaller** all finished under 19 minutes, placing 10th, 11th and 13th respectively.

Fort Hays was supported by freshman **Ramsey McCarter**, 21st, sophomore **Hannah Robinson**, 24th, and junior **Kylie Gaughan**, 27th.

Fort Hays finished with 49 points, two behind second place Colorado College and nine behind the victorious Northwest Missouri State.

Head coach Jason McCullough was pleased with the women's performance.

"We had a pretty good performance on the women's side; we were only only points away from NMU, which is one of the stronger teams in our conference," McCullough said.

Fort Hays faces the challenge of a very strong MIAA conference.

"The thing about the women's side in our conference [is] there are eight teams that could be anywhere in the mix, so if we have a great day we can be anywhere in the top and if we have an average or poor day, we could easily be at the bottom half of those," McCullough said.

The Tigers look to improve as Nelson had one of her strongest showings of the year and Gaughan continues to recover from an injury.

The men's side was led by strong performances from senior **Tanner Christensen** and sophomore **Cory Keehn** as they finished 2-3, completing the 8K course with times of 24:31 and 24:32 respectively.

The Tigers also earned points from sophomores **Michael Wolf**, who placed 10th and **Chris Ramsgard**, who placed 14th, and senior **Isaac Mills**, who placed 27th, as well as freshman **Johnny Bernasky**, 15th, and sophomore **Nathan Purdue**, 24th.

Coach McCullough seemed happy with the results.

"I was pleased to get out there and compete on our home course. At first, I was a little disappointed with how we did, but looking back on results, I think we ran pretty good races. We're

missing one of our top runners on the men's side, which hurt us, but other than that, I think we ran pretty well. Northwest Missouri just had an excellent performance on Saturday. More than us running bad, it was them running well."

As McCullough said, Fort Hays was without its senior captain, **Alex Hendee**. The Tiger men are in an even better position in their conference, as coach McCullough expects them to be a post-season threat.

"There is a good group of schools that are going to be a challenge for us. Missouri Southern is ranked in the top ten and it's pretty wide open after that with Southwest Baptist, Northwest Missouri and Nebraska Kearney," McCullough said.

"On the men's side, I think we could be anywhere from first to fifth, depending on how we run that day," McCullough said.

For both teams, McCullough hopes that mental toughness will determine the conference results.

"We have to be aggressive. This year we've been working a lot on going out fast and getting into the race. If you can put yourself in the race, sure you may get a little tired and maybe fall back a few spots, but at least you're in there and motivated. It's a lot better than being 40th and trying to battle back up," McCullough said.

The Tiger Open marks the end of the regular season for the Tigers, who will have a two-week break before continuing with the MIAA conference meet in Maryville, Mo., on Oct. 20.

Recap from B1

Unfortunately, his defense refuses to step up this year, so Brees and the Saints are likely to be on the outside looking in when it comes time for the playoffs.

In one of the most anticipated matchups of the season, Peyton Manning and the Broncos traveled to New England to face Tom Brady and the Patriots. Between the two quarterbacks, Brady now has the advantage with a 9-4 record.

While the Patriots won again on Saturday, anyone who watched the game will tell that Manning outperformed Brady by far. Unfortunately for Manning, his teammates could not keep pace with their quarterback, turning the ball over multiple times and dropping passes that hit their hands.

Brady was also assisted by the Patriots' newfound running game, which racked up 251 yards on the ground.

This week, the Broncos travel to San Diego to take

on the Chargers in a battle to determine the lead in the AFC West, while the Patriots head to Seattle to take on the Seahawks and their famed 12th man.

Week six should be a good one with the 49ers taking on the Giants in a rematch of last year's NFC Championship game, and what should be a great matchup between the Packers and Texans will be played in Houston on Sunday night. Fans should look forward to another great week in the National Football League.



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Redshirt-junior Basil Bandy goes head-to-head against a Lindenwood opponent in the homecoming game last Saturday. The Tigers are now 1-5 overall and in the MIAA.

Fourth quarter scars Homecoming game

Taylor Deutscher

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University football team played another cold and dreary Homecoming game last Saturday. The Tigers had a chance of improving their record against a new addition to the MIAA, Lindenwood University, but gave up their lead in the last quarter, causing a 20-17 loss.

Lindenwood took the lead in the first quarter with a 36-yard field goal, but the Tigers came back in the second quarter. Sophomore **Tarean Austin** scored on an 8-yard run touchdown for a 7-3 lead. On the next possession, Lindenwood

kicked a second successful field goal. The Lions turned back around and scored their first touchdown of the game. The 86-yard drive took no more than a minute and two plays. Lindenwood seized the lead of 13-7.

At the end of the second quarter, Austin sent the ball to senior **Tanner Hageman** who caught a 12-yard touchdown pass. The Tigers went into halftime with a 14-13 lead.

Fort Hays extended its lead with a 37-yard field goal by freshman **Drew O'Brien**.

The final quarter proved to be difficult for the Tigers as Lindenwood pushed through and scored with

seven minutes left. Fort Hays was in the perfect position to come back for the win. The Tigers were first-and-goal, but an interception thrown by Austin took away the last bit of hope for Fort Hays.

Austin finished with 16-of-23 passing for 174 yards on the night. Freshman **Tre'Veon Albert** led the Tigers with 106 rushing yards in the game.

Defensively, seniors **A.J. Woodall** and **Layton Hickel** helped Fort Hays with 12 tackles and 11 tackles respectively.

The Tigers are on the road this Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. game against Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

Women pick up win after dominating tournament

Taylor Deutscher

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team beat Missouri Western State University Tuesday evening three sets to one.

The Tigers took set one 25-21. Sophomore **Madison Schwartz** hit .500 in the set with five kills on 10 attacks.

Set two was up and down between the Tigers and the Griffons. Fort Hays was down 12-19, causing them to call a timeout. They could not pick up the pace, resulting in their falling to Missouri Western 16-24.

The third set was quite the nail-biter, but the Tigers managed to hold onto Missouri Western for an exciting 30-28 victory.

At one point, Fort Hays was up 13-7, but the Griffons were on a roll and made a big comeback. Missouri Western tied the score at 20-20, but a major kill by sophomore **Taylor Mares** helped the Tigers pull ahead.

The Tigers had three consecutive points to lead 25-24, with the help of blocks by junior **Jenna Ulrich** and sophomore **Sara Hewson**. Fort Hays had the match point and could have ended the third set, but Missouri Western tied up the game again.

The Tigers were not about to give up the match. They tied up the game at 26-26 on a kill by Hewson. The score continued to bounce back and forth and ended with a Griffon attacking error, making the final score of set three 30-28.

Set four was another close one, resulting in the same score as set one: 25-21.

Junior **Makenzie Weinman** dug up an attack from Missouri Western. The ball barely crossed over the net and caught the Griffons off-guard, who let it fall to the ground. Weinman's dig ended up being ruled as a kill.

The Tigers were up 22-20, but a kill by Schwartz pushed Fort Hays ahead. The match ended in a 25-21 win for the Tigers.

It was a good night for Schwartz as she had 17 kills, six of which came from set four. Ulrich and freshman **Kylee Hoagland** were close behind with 16 and 14 kills respectively.

Weinman had 16 digs on the night. Leading with digs was setter senior **Kayla Zoglman** with 24. Zoglman had 49 assists throughout the night.

Over the weekend, the Tigers were dominant in the Southwest Baptist Tournament in Bolivar, Mo. Fort Hays walked away with four wins, sweeping University of Arkansas-Monticello, Southern Arkansas University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Henderson State University all in three-set matches.

After Tuesday night's win, the Tigers moved to 18-6 overall and 4-3 in the MIAA.

Fort Hays will face Lindenwood University at 7 p.m. tomorrow and Truman State University at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Both games will be at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

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Artist's Corner

Q and A

With David Ramirez

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

Q: What is your classification?
A: Well, technically, I'm a senior this year, but I will be leaking over into next year to finish up some ed classes I will have left.

Q: How did you get into music?
A: I did the normal thing to do around here. Band was required when I was in fifth grade, so I picked up saxophone and thought it was fun. As time went on, I kept doing music throughout junior high and high school, and when it came time to pick either football or music in college, I figured music was healthier and better for me in the long run.

Plus, I was better at it. I also grew up with musical parents. My dad played guitar and sang and my mom sang, and my sisters and brothers like to go to Mexican dances, so music was always playing in our house and I grew up around music a lot.

Q: What instruments do you play? Do you sing?
A: Well, my primary instrument is saxophone. I mostly play on alto but I have played on tenor and

baritone on occasion to help out different groups. As far as other instruments that I can play okay on, I can squawk out notes on clarinet and oboe.

I did sing in choir in high school and my freshman year of college. Fun fact, I actually was a state solo vocalist my freshman and sophomore year of high school, but I eventually quit doing choir in college because it was too much between choir and band obligations.

Q: If you could magically play any instrument instantly, which one would you choose?

A: I would probably have to say guitar. I'm currently taking guitar lessons but it would be pretty sweet to just pick up guitar and know how to play, since it's a popular group instrument.

Q: What room is your favorite to practice in on campus or at home?

A: I normally practice at home since it's more convenient for me. I usually pick the kitchen because it's big. Plus, it sounds good in there.

If I practice on campus, I usually pick the practice room across from Brad's office. It's also big and has a long mirror in it so I can look to see if my finger placement is

correct. I'm not too picky, other than the upstairs rooms. Those are way too loud and awful.

Q: What do you hope to be doing with your major after graduation?

A: I hope to be teaching in a high school after I graduate. I'd like to stay in the area because I'm very close to my family. I've lived my whole life in western Kansas, so I would prefer to stay in my element. It would help me relate to my future students if I could relate to them with my own experiences.

Q: What is your life goal?

A: I'd like to become a teacher and build a pretty successful program. I was an athlete and a band geek in high school so I want to show my future students that you can do both. You don't have to be a mold or a certain kind of person for music.

Q: I'm told you have a daughter. What's her name and how old is she?

A: I do have a daughter. Her name is Tatiana Elizabeth Ramirez, and she is eight months old.

Q: Does she affect what you are planning to do with your major?

A: Yes and no. No, because I always envisioned

being a music teacher. Having her really doesn't change that plan.

Yes, because I always wanted to have a band that I could play in on the side. When she was born, I made the commitment to myself that I would be there and be involved in her life as much as possible.

Sometimes band stuff gets in the way. That's the major reason why right now I don't play in the ensembles on campus. I do play in a band right now though, Space Monkey. Add us on Facebook. That's my band promotion.

Q: If McDonald's asked you what food to add to their menu, what would you suggest?

A: Oh, you can't go wrong with tacos. If you think about it, sometimes when you get out of whatever you're doing late at night, a taco sounds good. Taco Bell and Taco Shop are closed and Chico Taco is a gamble on whether they are open or not. McDonald's would make a killing with tacos.

Q: At a movie theatre, which arm rest do you claim when there are people on either side of you?

A: I'm a righty, so I automatically claim the right one. But if the seats are narrow, I'll take both. I don't even care if the person next to me gets offended.

Q: If you were to dress up for Halloween, what would you want to be?

A: Hmmm, I've never been much for dressing up once I got into junior high and high school. But the one I've been trying to set up for a while is Nacho Libre.

Q: Why?

A: It's one of my favorite movies. But I don't know how a dude in red shorts and tights with no shirt on and a mask would be received by the Hays, America, community.

Q: Have you ever been skinny dipping? If so, where did you go? If not, would you ever want to?

A: Well, in order for that to happen, you need water, which my area of

growing up was lacking in. But if there would have been, probably no. In the movies when you see people do that, it's always the more attractive people that work out every single day. I don't fit that description.

Q: What's your favorite soup?

A: I'm actually not a big soup fan. But my mom makes this stuff called Carne con Chile Verde which is kind of a soup. It's pork with potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and spices. Then when you eat it, you add sopa - Mexican noodles - and eat it with tortillas. Good stuff.

Q: What are your favorite shoes to wear and why?

A: My favorite shoes that I have now are kind of tough. Out of all my clothes, shoes are probably my guilty pleasure. But if I had to choose, I have a pair of old school Converse shoes. I like them because they are a throwback to old school style and they are actually really comfortable.

'Taken' sequel falls short of predecessor

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REVIEW

What a career resurgence from Liam Neeson. The man went from being one of those actors who you see in a lot of movies whose name is unknown to being a huge movie star overnight. When an action movie is as successful as "Taken," it does not take long before the studio decides to make a sequel.

"Taken 2" resumes the story of Bryan Mills, who is vacationing with his daughter and ex-wife in Istanbul, when the terrorists from the original film decide to get their revenge on the Mills family. Bryan must rely on his own instincts, as well as his daughter's, if he wants to keep his family safe.

"Taken 2" is nothing more than a cheesier version of the original. While not a bad film, it often comes off as a cliched and satirical remake of the first film.

The acting is solid with all the actors taking their roles seriously, but unlike the original, it feels like a film that has been seen a dozen times before.

The villains are stereotypical henchmen-like terrorists who are defeated without much effort. At times, "Taken 2" seemed like a Bond film if Bond were older and had a family he needed to protect. They even used the Bond formula where the bad guy catches them and then leaves assuming the trap he set up will kill them eventually.

These films would benefit from having a Hans Gruber-type "Big Bad" than these stereotypical leaders who are disposed of toward the end of the film.

The one improvement over the first film was the additional screen time given to Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace. These women are great actresses and deserved to be showcased more than they were in the first "Taken" film.

While Neeson was good in the role that

turned his career around, it is worrisome to think that he might be turning into another Chuck Norris. His career is heading in that direction, and the Liam Neeson jokes have already begun.

While he has this character down to a T, it would be a wise decision for him to branch out to different genres. An emotional drama or a comedy would do wonders for him as an actor and allow audiences to see him in a different light.

In the end, fans of the original "Taken" will be pleased to know that the sequel delivers more of the same, but they might be disappointed to realize it is also a much more cheesy and cliched-filled version.

It is not a bad movie, but it is not worth checking out in theaters. Wait for home video on this one and save yourself a few dollars in the process.



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Showing their talent

Brad Dawson plays the trumpet during the annual Faculty Showcase Tuesday night in Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center. The concert was a chance for music department faculty to perform in front of the student body.

Check out these community events!

Friday: "Civil War in Kansas" Book Signing @ Old Fort Hays, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Alexa Whipple Music @ Hays Public Library, 7 p.m.

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If you could take on the exact body and form of anyone else, who would it be?



"Jack Johnson. He's a really chill guy, and he plays a guitar and sings and lives in Hawaii and surfs all the time."

Sean Gaither, junior



"Hope Solo. She takes on a huge leadership role, and she's achieved a lot."

Tessa Luke, junior

"Myself. What's better than being yourself?"

Trisha Penning, KAM



"Captain America. He's pretty awesome."

Garrit Flax, sophomore



Student Artwork - Installation by Ned Day



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