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## Students discuss domestic violence

**Tyler Parks**

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Domestic violence is a problem that plagues our society, and college campuses are not immune. Yesterday, the American Democracy Project's Times Talk focused on this issue and techniques to prevent gender-based violence from occurring.

Christie Brungardt, advisor to the Women's Leadership Project, and senior **Jessica Carrasco**, the campus advocate for Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, were the speakers at the Times Talk – Understanding and Preventing Gender Violence: The Red Flag Campaign.

This is one of many initiatives the Women's Leadership Project has done to spread the word across the Fort Hays State University campus during the Red Flag Campaign, which spans the month of October and is designed to spread awareness of domestic violence on college campuses.

Brungardt and Carrasco extinguished many of the false assumptions about domestic violence, saying that it isn't just women who are abused, but men as well. It isn't just physical abuse, but emotional abuse too.

"It often starts with emotional and keeps escalating to a point of physical abuse," Carrasco said.

They discussed stalking and the dangers it presents and how as a society we often downplay the severity of it. Stalking often leads to more violent forms of abuse that could be prevented if proper steps are taken.

Other tactics discussed included coercion and intoxication which are used to manipulate women into having unwanted sex and are often downplayed.



Courtney Riggle/Leader

Senior Jessica Carrasco, left, and Christie Brungardt, right, discuss techniques to prevent domestic violence and what to do in the instances that domestic violence does happen. Carrasco serves as Option's campus advocate for anyone needing to talk about domestic violence.

According to statistics, one in three, or 29 percent of, college women have been abused and 57 percent have been in an abusive relationship.

"We can say one in five or one in three. Either way, it is too much," Brungardt said.

Carrasco then stressed the importance of reporting dating violence, because 70 to 80 percent of victims don't report it.

"The more you talk about it, the higher the reported numbers. More people will report because

they believe people care and will help," Brungardt said.

"One thing that I really took from it was the statistics, and knowing there are so many women that are hiding from it or not reporting it. That is a shock in and of itself.

"In my leadership class, we are constantly talking about finding your voice, so being able to open up and talk about it is something that needs to be done. It will be easier in the long run if they are able to talk about it and

be aware what is out there for help," junior **Andrea Brandt** said.

Brungardt introduced Circle of 6 to those in attendance who were unaware. The app is designed to prevent domestic violence, calling it "one of the most innovative solutions" she had seen in years.

Circle of 6 is a free app for mobile phones, designed to stop violence before it happens. It will alert the user's six specified contacts if they are in danger or need to be picked up with just two

clicks.

Circle of 6 sends a pre-made message along with your current location to the six contacts easily. It also sends a message asking the contacts to call the phone or gives direct lines to different hotlines.

Circle of 6 is available in both the Android and Apple markets.

"I thought it was really informative, as far as the statistics. The different topics that were brought up and the different types of violence. It really opened my eyes to what is

out there and going on that is often not seen or given the attention it needs," sophomore **Hillary Newell** said.

The Women's Leadership Project's Red Flag Campaign will host a free self-defense workshop this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Cunningham Hall, room 110. The class will be taught by the FHSU Defense Tactics Club and is sponsored by the Fort Hays Department of Health and Human Performance and the Panhellenic Council.

## Students participate in mock debate

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One of the main complaints about our political system is that it has become too polarized. It is difficult to pick one of the two candidates because they are so extremely one-sided, and a legitimate third party candidate is needed.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 17, the students of the Political Science 403 class, The Presidency, hosted a mock presidential debate from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Robbins Center featuring candidates from the two major parties as well as an independent.

In addition to the three candidates, other students were given responsibilities – such as moderator, fact-checker or campaign manager.

The mock debate was moderated by senior **Austin Eickhoff** with junior **Sam Cooper** acting as the designated fact-checker, who checked any statistic or assumption the candidate made. He put the amount of error or truth to each statement on the screen above the candidates.

Each candidate was given one minute and 40 seconds to answer each question. After each had spoken, the first two speakers had a chance to rebut for either 60 or 30 seconds each if both chose to rebut.

The Democratic Party candidate, senior **Mike Goodrow**, took advantage of his time throughout the debate. The moderator stopped him short on most of the questions.

The candidates had very differing opinions on the first question on how to solve the federal deficit.

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Jolie Green/Leader

The mock debate featured a third party candidate adding a twist to traditional debate standards. Independent candidate, Johnathon Lohmann, left, Republican candidate Marcus Davis, middle, and Mike Goodrow, right, participated in the debate. Austin Eickhoff moderated, while Sam Cooper fact-checked.

### Weekend Weather

**Friday**



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**Saturday**



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Lo: 29

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**Sunday**



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## Campus hosts local political forum

**Tyler Parks**

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On Monday, October 15, the American Democracy Project and Student Government Association partnered 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 lasted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union. It included candidates running for the 2nd and 3rd District County Commissioner seats, the 110th and 111th districts Kansas House of Representatives seats and the 40th District State Senate seat.

Candidates gave a one minute opening followed by questions student-senators sent in prior to the event or that the audience asked during the forum. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to answer each question, followed by a two-minute closing.

"It is important because we see a lot of news about elections at the national level, but we don't see a lot news about elections at the local level. It is important for us to find out who these people are, hear their stance and meet them face-to-face.

"This is the level of government that is sup-

posed to be the most accessible. Seeing them in the political context and hearing their plan for this area for the future," said Chapman Rackaway, a political science professor and moderator for the event.

"Local government is extremely important because those are the people who affect our day to day life because they are actually the lawmakers for Kansas.

"We need to be aware of who they are and what they are going to do for us. The questions the audience asked were really detailed and really good questions, we had good participation," said American Democracy Project Co-Student Coordinator **Anne Dressen**.

The night began with the candidates running for the 3rd District County Commissioner seat, Democrat Dean Hasselhorst and Republican Ron Adams.

Hasselhorst's first order of business, if elected, is to update many out of date infrastructure problems he saw, including roads and bridges. Adams thought there was a communication problem between the employees and the administration.

Both agreed Ellis County missed out on the wind energy opportunity and both agreed that while the RPM speedway is noisy, it does provide revenue to the county.



Carleigh Albers/ Leader

Republican Ron Adams, left, and Democrat Dean Haselhorst, right, answer questions during their time at the podiums while the rest of the candidates wait their turns.

After that, the candidates for the 2nd District County Commissioner seat took the podiums. Republican Barbara Wasinger and Democrat Dennis Pfannenstiel discussed similar issues.

Wasinger said the county needs a "fresh perspective," while Pfannenstiel said the winner should be

from the county.

Candidates for the 110th State Representative District, Democrat Philip Martin and Republican Travis Couture-Lovelady stuck to their party lines when answering their questions.

They were on opposite ends of closing Plan Parenthood. Lovelady

thought it should be closed, while Martin said to close it would be shortsided, it provides more than just abortions.

Democrat Eber Phelps and Republican Sue Boldra were next on the podium stating their case for the 11th State Representative seat.

Boldra was on point

throughout, answering with quick and concise responses.

The 40th District State Senate seat saw Democrat Allen Schmidt and Republican Ralph Ostmeyer square off on issues surrounding the state.

The final elections for these candidates as well as other races is Nov. 6.

Debate from 1A

besides the consensus that there needs to be a tax cut for the middle-class, there needs to be a tax cut for the middle-class.

The Republican candidate junior **Marcus Davis**, said repealing the Affordable-care Act was the best option. It hasn't lowered costs and it should be up to the states to decide whether they want it or not.

The Independent candidate, non-degree seeking student **Johnathan Lohmann**, had an interesting idea to lower the high unemployment numbers. His plan involved having the government find jobs suited to the individuals out of work. If those looking for work decline the position for them, then the government could decline their unemployment benefits.

After the debate, managers for each campaign were able to talk to media in order to try and spin the stories in their candidate's favor.

Junior **Carolyn Campbell** acted as the independent manager, while senior **Alex Hendee** was the Democrat manager and senior **Hawk Rouse** was the manager for the Republican candidate.

"We had the debaters, who prepared themselves very well, they were knowledgeable about their subjects, they stayed true to what their party's platforms were. We had their campaign surrogates who gave their best effort to try to spin the coverage in their candidates favor. I thought the moderator and fact checker did fine job too. I am really proud of what the students have done. Debates can seem like a very seamless easy thing to put on when you watching on t.v., but a lot of preparation went into this by every student involved," said Chapman Rackaway, the professor of the POLS 403 class.

## Political survey results lean right

**Tyler Parks**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Docking Institute released the results from the student political poll issued earlier this month.

In determining how interested in politics the respondents were, 92 percent said they were highly or somewhat interested in politics, indicating a high interest among those who responded.

The respondents also said that 95 percent of their friends had at least some interest in politics.

The older the students were, the more interested they were in politics. With 55 percent of graduate students highly interested in politics, only 35

percent in their freshman counterparts said they were highly interested.

"We had a high sample size, but we had a low percentage of response. We had 798, that is a good sample size it gives you a tight margin of error, but we only had a 6.3 percent response rate, so you have to assume that these reflect the views of the six percent most interested in politics," said Gary Brinker, director of the Docking Institute.

A majority, 27 percent, of the respondents considered themselves moderate, while 41 percent leaned conservative and only 32 percent were more on the liberal side.

40 percent of those

polled identified as republican, while only 27 percent said they were democrat. One-third of the students did not consider themselves part of the two major political parties.

18 percent identified as Independents, while 10 percent considered themselves Libertarian, 2 percent said the Green party and 3 percent claimed other for party affiliation.

65 percent said that their role models tended to lean toward the conservative side.

"This wasn't too surprising. It is a highly conservative political environment, so it is natural that most of the

parents and role models of our students tend to be conservative," Brinker said.

62 percent of the respondents said they were registered to vote in Kansas. 14 percent said they were registered to vote anywhere in the United States.

Brinker attributed this to the number of exchange students on campus.

Of those polled, 49 percent said they were registered Republicans, with 24 percent registered Democrats and 27 percent were unaffiliated.

70 percent said they didn't believe the recession was over, but 55 percent thought they

wouldn't have a problem finding a job after graduation.

Those who considered themselves at least somewhat conservative, almost 70 percent, attend church weekly.

60 percent of the respondents who said they attend church weekly identified as Republican.

Mitt Romney received negative scores from those who rarely or never attend church, while the opposite was true for President Obama.

For more information regarding the results of the survey the link can be found at the bottom of the Docking Institute home page. [www.fhsu.edu/docking/](http://www.fhsu.edu/docking/)

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# Male nudity taboo, questionable

**Molly Walter**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



It's the 21st century – large posters of naked men in public are okay, right? Not according to the people of Vienna, Austria. Last week, Leopold Museum put up several posters of three naked soccer players throughout Vienna to advertise its “Naked Men” exhibition, but the people of Vienna wouldn't have it. They quickly complained, saying they had to protect their children. Some people even warned that if the museum didn't do anything about covering up the privates, they would. By all means, power to the people. If I had a small child, I don't think I'd be too hyped about his seeing a large poster of a naked man in public. I just don't want to deal with the questions – “Gross, Mommy, what is that?” Well, it's a penis. The museum director said, “We are not really happy about the situation. You always hope that we have made progress, that we are now in the 21st century.” Honestly, I agree. I mean, I'm not advocating for businesses or museums

to start displaying large posters of naked men. I'm okay with not seeing naked men everywhere – but it's a naked person. Adam and Eve didn't wear clothes. The worst part is that people weren't happy about the exhibition at all. I see nothing wrong with a museum showing naked people – especially if it's for educational purposes or art. The Leopold exhibition shows how the depiction of male nudity has evolved through art history. Maybe the naked men advertisements were a little overboard, but maybe the people are too uptight. I don't understand, though: Why a male but not a female? I've never been to Vienna, so I can't say there are posters of naked women anywhere, but I'm 90 percent positive there are. This isn't just a prevalent thing in Austria; it happens in the States, too. I've seen pictures of fully naked women in the States, but never a fully naked male. Why is that? The Leopold Museum's website says, “Previous exhibitions on the theme of nudity have mostly been limited to female nudes.” Where in history did male nudes become taboo? Am I going to go blind if I see a naked man? Am I going to be scarred for life and admitted into a psych ward? Will I somehow make everything I see resemble male genitalia? Seriously, what is it? Movies are a great



example. Lately, I've seen several nude men in movies, but only from the back. I've seen a few nude women from the front. Why? I don't have an answer.

Are women less scary? Maybe if I watched more horror films, I'd see more male genitalia – no offense, men. There's something wrong when pictures of

nude women are okay but pictures of nude men aren't. I hate to take an equality spin on this, but doesn't that seem a little unequal? Let's exploit all the women and not the

men. I smell something fishy. Women, just believe it's because your body is beautiful. Men, I'm sorry, but the signs point to otherwise.

## Discrimination taints valuable education

**Johnny Hill**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



There's a difference between a professor being opinionated in class and teaching racism to students. Unfortunately, that line is sometimes crossed. I sat down with a friend at lunch last week. While telling me about her day, she expressed frustration at one of her professor's lectures from the morning. The class started with a video about radical

Muslims, which was not part of the planned lesson. My friend told me the video, which taught about terrorism and the one percent of Islam with radical followers, was very educational and insightful. Then came the professor's lecture. He started off after the video by telling his students to disregard the video's statistics: The majority of Muslims are radical extremists, and Muslims are raised to hate America. The class laughed along with him as he ridiculed the Muslim beliefs and practices, saying it was ridiculous they still worshipped the moon as their god – which, by the way, is completely untrue. When my friend described this lecture-rant to me, my jaw dropped. I could not comprehend

how a teacher could have the nerve to blatantly preach racism to a class. I understand the importance of learning about current global issues and conflicts, but this is extreme. I cannot see any truth in the clouded lies this professor was offering. Granted, there is a strong sense of disconnection between America and the Middle Eastern culture. To say they all hate us and that they are stupid for what they believe, though, infuriates me. My friend told me how offended she was at this lecture, and I agreed. Sadly, she sat there during the lecture and said nothing. I can't blame her – she was scared of her standing in the class or her teacher's opinion of her being affected. Come

to find out, a few of her classmates felt the exact same way. The point of all this is not to point fingers or fuel an argument. It is to call out an issue that should not exist. Fort Hays State University is a globally diverse school, so to hear about something like this happening in a classroom is unbelievable. To all our Muslim or foreign students: I hope you are as offended as I was – you should be. Regardless of who you are, I hope you can see that this sort of teaching is not acceptable. If you are ever taught anything as wrong, biased or even racist as this, do not be afraid to stand up. You will not be the only one. Let your voice be heard, and hopefully one day our educational system will be free of such flaws.

## Coulter's tweet offensive, ignorant

**Eric Bader**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Let me start with a very important fact: I hate Ann Coulter. She's a crazy, ignorant buffoon who is either totally brainless or the most convincing political troll since Stephen Colbert. She's a creepy, gaunt, skeletal woman who looks like the evil twin of Cheryl Duffy. And I hate her. With that out of the way, I must admit that I assumed Coulter was on the way out in terms of political relevancy. Most people I know haven't even heard of her, which is wonderful news, since she seems to be phasing out in favor of Michele Bachmann on the “loony lady in politics” stakes. Knowing she had to do something big and shocking to reclaim her place as the queen of saying unfathomably stupid things, she summed up all her courage Tuesday night and unleashed the most offensive Tweet imaginable.

it's not applicable to the President, a man who graduated from Harvard and was the president of the Harvard Law Review. Coulter, meanwhile, is a woman who has advocated war against Canada. I'm sensing a disparity. More to the point, Coulter's words are depressing because she's not the only one to use them. I frequently hear students using “retarded” to describe something that is not agreeable. “This class is retarded; doing homework is retarded,” and so on. Disregarding for a moment the fact that such a statement doesn't make logical sense, we remain with the fact that it is an unacceptable way to express a feeling. “I think this class is unappealing” would be a much better sentence. This also goes, by the way, for “gay,” which has been used in the same context, though, I'm happy to say, it seems like it happens much less than it used to. The good news is that the Twitter community has jumped on Coulter for her ignorant and hateful language. The Special Olympics has already condemned her for her Tweet, along with many others. It is likely, knowing Coulter, that she merely wanted to say something offensive for the express purpose of riling people up and becoming the central object of scorn, since it is what she seems to live for. Still, it's important for everyone to know that following her example is wrong. So remember, the next time you feel like Tweeting something offensive toward the President, try to keep your language civil and reasonable. Or, better yet, just don't Tweet anything offensive at all. There's already one Ann Coulter in this world. We certainly don't need another.

## Blood donation worth saving lives

**Austin Koeller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



For nearly every college student, there is one thing that they fear the most: snakes, heights, maybe crowded spaces. However, the biggest fear that most people have is a big, shiny needle going into his or her skin. And a fear of needles means a fear of giving blood. There have been students in the Union trying to recruit people to donate blood. Many of my friends, who have never donated before, have expressed how they will not donate due to fear of needles. Rest assured, donating blood is not as

scary as it may seem. When you first go in to donate blood, a nurse will test to make sure that your hemoglobin is at a healthy level. The nurse will use a small gadget that pricks your finger to draw blood. It kinda feels like a staple being jammed into your index finger. This is my least favorite part of donating blood and makes me jump every time. The pain is minimal. If that's the worst part, it can't be that bad, right? You may think after the jammed staple comes needle time, but the nurse don't just stick the needle into your vein right then. They put Betadine, a brown solution, on your arm like a doctor will put rubbing alcohol on your arm before giving a shot. The nurse also gives you a ball to squeeze to relax your arm as the needle goes in. No matter how many times I get a shot, the needle still scares me a bit when the nurse pulls it out

of the package. Nonetheless, the needle is not worth being scared of. When I donate blood, I tend to look away so I don't get freaked out by the needle. And before I know it, they have stuck the needle in my arm without my noticing. Many people who have donated have experienced this as well. While you may not feel the pain at first, you will feel a stinging sensation going up your arm. This stinging is about as painful as the hemoglobin test you receive before you donate blood. The nurses usually advise people that the stinging will be minimized if they keep their arm straight and squeeze the ball. If you're like me, your arm may have an automatic reaction to turn, which generates the stinging sensation. After squeezing the ball for about 10 minutes, the donation process is over. The nurse takes the needle out and will apply

a bandage to the spot where the needle went in. Before you leave, you need to eat or drink something. I have made the mistake of not doing that, and I felt extremely dizzy. After eating and drinking, the donation process is over. Some students may feel like there is no reason to donate blood. By donating blood, you can help out the community. There have been numerous times the Red Cross has called me wanting to know if I would donate due to a blood shortage. For one pint of blood that a person donates, he helps three people. How cool is that? While the fear of needles may scare you, it is nothing to worry about. If you get the chance, sign up to donate blood whenever Fort Hays State University holds a blood drive. Or you can go to the donation center in the Hadley Center anytime. You may just help save someone's life.

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# Bands compete in battle for honors

## Johnny Hill

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Decent live music is hard to come by these days. Last weekend, the Fort Hays State University campus got a taste of not one but five talented local musicians and bands.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Fort Hays State Honor Society held its second annual Battle of the Bands. The show started at 8:30 p.m. and rocked until 11 p.m.

The crowd was smaller than expected, but it made for a comfortable and personal atmosphere. With charismatic and vibrant performers, the night was one of last weekend's best-kept secrets.

The first act was a two-woman band called Wild Oats and the Sewing Machine, who performed an impressively lengthy set of both original songs and covers. The ladies both played guitar and sang and also had a few smaller instruments, such as a tambourine, that gave their songs a folksy, acoustic sound.

The second performer was freshman **Nate Holland**, a bassist who was previously involved with local bands. Nate played a short but sweet bass solo. His act felt bare with just a bass on stage, but he was talented on his instrument and his act was a nice twist to the show.

Following Holland was junior **Brytani Arnberger**, who played an acoustic set of original songs and covers of popular tunes. Her guitar skills were outdone by her powerful voice, which made her fun to watch.

The fourth band on the list was comedy rock group Shot in the Dark. Opening with The Lion King's "Circle of Life," their set was guaranteed to be interesting. Indeed it was: The trio had the crowd laughing and singing along the



Sarah Werling/Leader

Junior Brytani Arnberger performs during the Battle of the Bands Saturday night. The event was a chance for student musicians to compete for prizes. Arnberger finished the competition in second place, earning \$100.

whole time.

Closing the show was acoustic-electric guitarist and singer, junior **Tim Tarkelly**, who performed original songs with a few covers mixed in. He had a unique sound with vocals reminiscent of punk-rock band Blink-182, with some ska mixed in. Tim's lyrics were at times sad and other times hilarious, but the entire time were creative enough to captivate the audience.

At the end of the night, the crowd voted for the performance worthy of the

grand prize. Third place went to Shot in the Dark, earning them a merchandise package sponsored by Tom's Music and White Chocolate. Arnberger earned second place, winning a \$100 prize. The grand prize of \$250 went to Wild Oats and the Sewing Machine.

The event was highly successful. Fort Hays State's honors organization may be able to repeat the event next year with a bigger crowd and talent that can match the caliber of this year's acts.

# Fort Hays choirs to perform in Fall Concert

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University Concert Choir and Fort Hays Singers, conducted by Dr. Terry Crull, will perform in concert following the Fort Hays State University Wind Ensemble conducted by Dr. Jeff Jordan on Friday, Oct. 26. The Fall Concert, which annually presents the Wind Ensemble, the Concert Choir and the Fort Hays Singers music ensembles starts at 7:30 p.m., and will take place in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts

Center.

Choral settings of familiar folk songs will be the overlying theme behind the music performed by the Concert Choir and Fort Hays Singers. The ensembles have worked since the opening of the school year to learn and put together moving and inspiring music for the Oct. 26 concert. The folk songs that make up the choirs' portion of the concert will be tunes familiar to most audience members.

Dr. Crull has chosen two versions of the six titles that will be performed,

which is a unique aspect of the choral portion of this concert. One version will be performed by the Fort Hays Singers, and the second version will be sung by the Concert Choir. Furthermore, the two pieces with the same title but different choral arrangements will be presented back-to-back. This means the Concert Choir and the Fort Hays Singers will share the stage for the entirety of their performances.

The audience will enjoy and compare the two contrasting settings by different composers and arrangers, as well as the contrast between the chamber size of the Fort Hays Singers with 22 voices and the large choir of the Concert Choir with 54 voices. Dr. Crull has worked out the seating and standing order of the two choirs in such a way that allows the pieces to be presented sequentially. With this, a smooth flow of one piece to the next will occur.

The titles of the folk songs include: "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Danny Boy," "The Drunken Sailor," "All Through the Night," "Elijah Rock" and others, including a fun gospel piece by each choir that features the powerful piano playing of accompanist Pam McGowne.

The Fall Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Students are admitted for free with their Tiger Card. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Children 12 and under are free.

# Bad Books succeeds with second album

## Zach Walker

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

Plenty of good things come in the form of dynamic duos, but a new dynamic duo has revealed itself in the last two years in the form of Bad Books, the musical love child of Andy Hull and Kevin Devine.

It goes without saying that Hull and Devine come from different neighborhoods of the music spectrum. Hull sings in the fantastic, romping indie rock band, Manchester Orchestra and Devine is a solo artist who dabbles in everything from folk music to alternative rock.

After coming together in 2010 to create Bad Books, the two musicians released their first album, "Bad Books." While the album was good in the practical sense, it lacked cohesiveness. Two years later, the group has released their new album simply titled "II," a better and more consistent album than its predecessor.

Opening track "The After Party" displays the collaboration between Hull and Devine at its finest. The tune begins with an ambient, dark guitar riff that floats throughout the entire song and complements Hull's soft crooning.

The chorus shows the connection between the two artists as Devine harmonizes with Hull. The track ends dramatically as Hull brings out his signature

brash vocals to finish the song as loud guitars and drums crash around him.

"Forest Whitaker" sounds completely different than any other song on the album, but it does not disrupt the flow of the record, and the single adds a new element to the band's already budding repertoire. Featuring a hint of pop music unheard in their previous songs, catchy whistles, muted guitars and an electronic drum, "Forest Whitaker" comes out of complete left field with its appearance on the record. The track may not feature a huge, memorable chorus, but it shows that Bad Books isn't afraid to let the creative juices flow and go outside of their comfort zone to write a song.

Hull brings his A-game on "Pyotr" and crafts one of the standout tracks in the album without the help of Devine. With an acoustic guitar and his strong, soaring voice, Hull sings the sad tale of a love triangle and its ramifications. "Pyotr" never changes pace or has any more instruments come into the tune: Hull strums an acoustic guitar and bears his soul. The track is one of the best songs Hull has ever written and it resonates as a powerful, beautiful number that pulls at every heartstring.

Hull and Devine have proven that they are two of the best songwriters in music, and their work on "II" is no different. Over the years, Hull has gained a reputation for his insightful and honest

lyrics. Tracks like "Pyotr" and "42" display his strong lyricism as he tackles topics from alcoholism, love and anxiety.

Devine is no slouch in the lyric department. Devine has garnered acclaim for his ability to tell brilliant stories in his songs while also having bright, introspective lyrics. His personal lyrics on the closing track "Ambivalent Plans" and great storytelling on "Lost Creek" are testaments to his talents as a songwriter and show that Devine can definitely hold his own with Hull.

"II" definitely features no shortage of rock songs, but the two tracks that stick out on the album are "It Never Stops" and "No Sides." Both tunes are sung primarily by Devine, and they are two of more upbeat songs on the album. "It Never Stops" begins with a choppy guitar riff that builds throughout the song as Devine displays his smooth singing skills effortlessly, and it features one of the best choruses on the album. "No Sides" is a jam that starts with a guitar riff that would fit in on any Kevin Devine solo album, and the track is a rocking tune from beginning to end.

Bad Books has broken through and recorded a great follow-up to their debut album. While their first album featured missteps that caused the album to be mediocre, Bad Books came back in a big way with "II," a product of cohesive effort that displays the talents of Hull and Devine.

# 'Pokemon' sequel mingles old and new

## Eric Bader

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

I am not ashamed. Though "Pokemon" is often derided as a "kid-die game," Game Freak

has quietly been building a complex and engaging role-playing game that no adult should feel bad about playing. In spite of its detractors – including my mother, who always asks, "Aren't you a little old for Pokemon?" – the "Pokemon" series has created a number of high-quality games, and "Black 2" and "White 2" are no exceptions. As always, the game comes in two separate versions, each of which contains exclusive areas and wild Pokemon.

Since the newest edition is a sequel – in fact, the first direct sequel to any game in the main "Pokemon" series – it is easy to try to compare it to its predecessor. To be honest, not much has changed. The emphasis is on the newest batch of Pokemon, which range from cool things like Sandile, the sand-dwelling crocodile, to crappy things like Patrat, the most boring rat imaginable. In this game, though, much-

beloved Pokemon from the old games return. In the first few areas alone, the player can encounter old favorites like Koffing and Mareep. With a library of 600-odd creatures, it's fun to keep guessing which Pokemon will turn up next.

The primary failing of "Black" and "White" is addressed and solved in the sequels. While the first set of games forced the player to sit through what seemed like hours of expository dialogue at the beginning of the game before finally being able to play, "Black 2" and "White 2" cut down on the exposition, throwing the player into the thick of things quickly.

Most of the features from the old game return, along with a few new and attractive events that will most likely be the primary draw for players. The Pokemon World Tournament pits the player against gym leaders from previous games, while Pokestar Studios allows the player to film campy B-movies and release them to theaters. They are interesting sidequests, but the main emphasis is always on the primary story, which is as engaging as ever.

Midway through the

game, the player is given Surf – a valuable tool for navigating the world map – and must wander the rivers and oceans of the world to hunt for what to do next. There are no real hints at this point, and the player must figure things out alone. This sort of freedom is much appreciated in a series notorious for contriving reasons to prevent free exploration.

While "Black 2" and "White 2" are hardly groundbreaking, it's no insult to say so, because that is not the intention. Instead, the games represent a culmination of everything Game Freak has been working toward over the last 15 years. The game is polished to a mirror sheen and streamlined to perfection. Though the concept may not be particularly deep, there's much to do and it is never frustrating to do any of it.

Ultimately, "Black 2" and "White 2" represent the pinnacle of the series thus far. Those who played the original "Red," "Blue" or "Yellow" as kids may be interested to pick one of these games up to see just how far the series has come. And for anyone who has never played Pokemon, this is the perfect time to jump in.

## Check out these community events!

**Tonight: German Film Series -- "Rabbit without Ears 2" @ Albertson Hall room 169, 7 p.m.**

**Saturday: Mutts and Monsters 5k Fundraiser @ Municipal Park, 1 p.m.**

**Saturday: Ghostly Gala @ American Legion, 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday: Haunted Heartland @ Hays Public Library, 6:30 p.m.**

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## Tigers beat Lincoln fifth straight year

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THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University football team gave fans a show at Lewis Field Stadium last Saturday afternoon in a matchup against Lincoln University. The Tigers finished with a 28-26 victory over the Blue Tigers, improving the win streak to five.

Lincoln started with a touchdown in the first minute of the game. The Blue Tigers scored on a 46-yard touchdown pass, but the kick was no good. Fort Hays was able to take the lead with two consecutive blocked punts recovered by freshman **Shaquille Cooper** and junior **Seth Klausmeyer**. Senior **Anthony Sheppard** picked up both blocks and increased the lead to 14-6 on the second 25-yard punt return.

Two minutes later, sophomore **Tarean Austin** ran the ball five yards and into the end zone for a last minute touchdown in the first quarter.

The Tigers slowed down in the second quarter, allowing Lincoln to close the gap with two touchdowns. On the second touchdown, the Blue Tigers attempted for a two-point conversion, but the pass failed. Going into halftime, the Tigers were on top of the Blue Tigers 21-19.

Fort Hays came out of the half with anticipation. On the first Lincoln possession, senior **Kyle Perry** recovered a fumble forced by sophomore **Jesse Trent**. The Tigers were unable to break away and score, giving the ball back to the Blue Tigers.

Lincoln took the ball and made the most of it, scoring on a two-yard



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Freshman Shaquille Cooper breaks away for a 63-yard touchdown against Lincoln University. The Tigers are 3-5 overall and in the MIAA.

rushing touchdown, giving the Blue Tigers their second lead of the game.

Fort Hays came back with two minutes left in the third quarter. Cooper made an incredible 63-yard touchdown to put the Tigers back on top.

An interception by senior **A.J. Woodall** at

the Fort Hays three-yard line was a huge help to the Tigers. He made the return for 12 yards, but a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct pushed Fort Hays back to its seven-yard line.

The game clock buzzed before the Tigers could turn the interception

into points. The game ended with a score of 28-26.

Sheppard was named MIAA Special Team Player of the Week after his contributions to the win against Lincoln. His two impressive punt block returns were a great help to the Tigers.

The special team had not scored for Fort Hays since 2009.

Cooper was key for the Tigers with 115 rushing yards on 13 carries, along with one of the blocked punts.

Leading the team with nine tackles was freshman **Michael Jordan**.

Also helping the team defensively was Perry, and juniors **Shane Smith** and **Tyler Richards** with sacks.

The Tigers hit the road for Rapid City, S.D., this weekend for a 1 p.m. Saturday game against South Dakota School of Mines.

## Men celebrate as team and individual champs

**Colin Miller**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The MIAA cross-country championships had very different results for the Fort Hays State University men's and women's teams.

While the men celebrated their collecting of both the individual title, thanks to sophomore **Cory Keehn**, as well as the team championship, the women went home with a disappointing No. 8 finish, placing sophomore **Alex Nelson** in the top 25. Nelson's 20th spot earned the only All-MIAA Honorable Mention for the team.

The men placed four in the All-MIAA spots, with senior **Alex Hende** joining Keehn in the top 10 with a 25:43 race time earning him the No. 6 spot. Keehn ran the 8k course with a time of 25:11, 10 seconds faster than his nearest competitor.

Earning All-MIAA Honorable Mention were senior **Tanner Christensen**, 17th, and junior **Chris Ramsgard**, 18th. Missing out on the top spots was junior **Michael Wolf**, who placed 22nd.

The difference for the Tigers was the four and five runners for Fort Hays. Their high placing ensured the top spot for the team. Fort Hays was also supported by freshman **Jacob Coffman** with No. 68, sophomores **Johnny Bernasky** with No. 30 and **Nathan Purdue** with No. 36, junior **Isaac Mills** with No. 53, and senior **Danny Simon** with No. 58.

The fight for the mid-level results in the MIAA for women's cross-country

was competitive, so on a day when the Tiger women didn't perform at their best, they were punished. While Nelson seemed to perform well, finishing the 6k race in a time of 23:32, her strongest competition on the team this year, junior **Gentry Linscott**, was unlucky, placing No. 40.

Fort Hays also got points from freshman **Ramsey McCarter** with No. 44 juniors **Marie Schaller**, **Kylie Gaughan**, and **Carman Hill** – No. 52, No. 53 and No. 66 respectively – and sophomore **Hannah Robinson** with No. 63.

Coach McCullough later commented on both team's and their results at the meet. For the men, the conference title is a reward a long time in the making.

"It was a great weekend for our men's team. This is our first conference title we've won since it was something we've been striving towards for quite some time. It was something special and something all the athletes wanted, not just for themselves but for Fort Hays State and all the former Tigers that have run here," McCullough said.

McCullough was full of praise for his runners, especially the back end of the scoring for the men's run.

"I thought going in that we needed to have our fifth runner somewhere between 20th and 24th. I thought that would give us a chance to win it and our fifth was 22nd and our third and fourth runners were 17th and 18th, so that back end of our scoring really helped us out," McCullough

said.

The men hope to place well at the regional competition, where they will be ranked No. 2 behind a strong Augustana side.

Coach McCullough spoke about the importance of the back end runners.

"The regionals is a 10k for the men, so a little longer, and I think that benefits us a little more because we train a little more toward endurance and longer races. The key is to get probably three guys up there in the top 15 and hope that our fourth, fifth and sixth runners all place well," McCullough said.

To clinch a spot at the national meet, Fort Hays will have to battle several familiar MIAA foes and place in the top four.

"The battle will be for those second, third and fourth spots and who gets to go to nationals.

"That'll be between us, Mankato State, Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern and two other teams that could sneak in with Northwest Missouri and Nebraska-Kearney," McCullough said.

As McCullough expected, the women's result was likely to fluctuate because of the strength of the MIAA.

"Going into it, I thought they could finish anywhere from third to eighth. We didn't run especially well, besides Alex Nelson who placed 44th, which is probably where she should have been and Ramsey McCarter had a pretty good race."

Both teams will compete on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the South Central Regional meet.



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Cory Keehan placed first individually in the MIAA championship, while the men won the team championship. The men and women will compete at the South Central Regionals.

## Tigers impress with victory over Truman

Colin Miller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

It was another case of mixed results this past weekend for the Fort Hays State University women's soccer team as they followed up a 2-1 win over conference powerhouse Truman, and a stunning 2-1 defeat at the previously MIAA-winless Lindenwood.

The results move Fort Hays to 5-5-1 in the MIAA and 9-6-1 overall, clinching the No. 6 position in the conference standings.

The Tigers began their away stretch in Kirksville, Mo., coming against a favored Truman State side, who was unbeaten at home. Fort Hays picked up goals from freshmen **Alexis Aiman** and **Jordan Hester** en route to a crucial conference victory.

Aiman started the scoring in the 15th minute as she received a ball at the top of the box from senior **Cindy Benitez** and fired home.

The Tigers let Truman back into the match, as the wet turf caused centerback **Jamie Babyak** to slip and leave a Truman striker unmarked, allowing the Bulldogs to equalize just a minute later. The teams would go into the halftime break tied at 1.

The Tigers came out energized for the second half, knotting the go-ahead goal just 19 seconds into the period. Again, Benitez started the play with a tough shot that Truman's keeper couldn't handle and Hester swooped in for an easy goal.

Truman posed almost no attacking threat in the second half, meaning that Fort Hays freshman keeper

**Rachael Schaad** didn't have to make a save for the duration of the final 45 minutes. The Tiger offense forced Truman keeper Emily Bozdeck into three second half saves and forced one goal.

After the final whistle blew, the Fort Hays women managed to claw their way into the No. 5 spot in the conference standings, but the position didn't last.

The Tigers came out flat against an underestimated Lindenwood side, allowing the Lions to score in the 17th and 27th minutes and take the 2-0 lead. Fort Hays pulled a goal back before halftime thanks to a well-worked ball from junior **Joanne Glynn** to freshman **Kylie Watson**, cutting the deficit in the 43rd minute.

Despite second half efforts on goal from Watson, Benitez, and senior **Sade Humphrey**, Fort Hays was unable to tie the score and left with a 2-1 loss.

While the victory at Truman was fantastic, the loss to Lindenwood was upsetting. Head Coach Craig Shaw was disappointed with the missed opportunity for the Tigers.

"Great result against Truman. They were second in the conference at that time and fourth in the region, and that win would have put us high in the region if we had won on Sunday, but we didn't take care of business, so we're fighting for six, seven or eight in the conference rather than third or fourth, which we would have done if we won," Shaw said.

The Tigers have been struggling with consistency and earning respect in the competitive MIAA. "Good teams back up

good wins, so that's a little bit of youth and inexperience that hurt us. We've proved that we can beat anyone in this league, but we've also proved that we can lose to anyone. That day, we absolutely dominated Truman, played the better soccer and deserved the win. We really fought hard and I thought we'd really turned the corner, but then we go out and lose to Lindenwood," Shaw said.

With their rank, the Tigers will be out of contention for regional play, meaning the MIAA conference tournament is the last chance for the Tigers to shine.

"I think we'll get in; it's just where we'll sit. We'll be anywhere from sixth to eighth. If we win, we're in. If we lose, we have to wait on results.

"We've got to go out and prove to everyone that beating Truman was not a fluke; beating Northwestern was deserved," Shaw said.

For now, Shaw said the team must have a short memory concerning the results.

"We've got to forget about it – that's the biggest thing. We've only got one more conference game. We've got to take care of business Friday, make the tournament and go on a run. We won't make it regionally, so we have to win the conference tournament," Shaw said.

The Tigers will play their final home matches of the season against Nebraska-Kearney on Friday and Western State on Sunday. Both matches will be held at the Fort Hays State University Soccer Stadium.

## Tigers snatch MIAA spot in conference tournament

Colin Miller

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University men's soccer team picked up a crucial 1-1 draw with conference foe and fellow MIAA front-runner Northeastern State on Thursday, Oct. 18, then cruised to a 5-1 win against Harding the following Saturday.

The two matches were the Tigers' final away matches of the season. They have one home match against Southern Nazarene before the conference tournament begins.

The results move the Tigers to 10-4-2 overall and 6-2-1 in conference play. Fort Hays has clinched a spot in the MIAA conference tournament and look to place in the top two to guarantee a place in the regional tournament.

The Tigers seemed poised to pick up a vital win against Northeastern as they led most of the match 1-0, thanks to a great strike from sophomore **Tanner Brock**. After collecting a poor clearance from a Fort Hays corner, Brock collected his second goal of the season and gave the Tigers the early lead.

Northeastern spoiled Fort Hays' night after the Tigers conceded a penalty kick with nine minutes remaining and opponents' Juan Peralta slotted home to level the score. The two teams battled for 20 minutes of overtime, but neither broke the deadlock.

Fort Hays had little trouble finding the net against Harding. They scored five goals, three of which came from senior **Daniel Peralta**, who picked up the program's first ever hat trick. Peralta started the route for the Tigers by converting a 10th minute penalty kick.

Senior **Tomas Mares** joined the scoring nine minutes later as he intercepted a Harding defensive error and slotted the ball home to make the advantage 2-0. Peralta got his brace in the 25th minute, weaving through the Bison defense to draw the keeper out and fire home to make the difference 3-0.

Peralta's hat trick came three minutes into the second half after a pass from freshman **Michael Cole**. Freshman **Kyle Markovits** finished the Tigers' scoring in the 78th minute, connecting with a cross by **Joe Albright** in the box to make the advantage 5-0.

Fort Hays lost the shut-out as they conceded another last minute penalty, this time in the 89th minute on a tussle in the box. Harding took advantage to make the score 5-1, but the goal was little more than conciliation for the Bison as Fort Hays left with the big scoreline and the win.

Despite the two late goals, Head Coach Brett Parker was pleased with his team's performances.

"The Northeastern game was a good result; a tough team on the road, tough place to play. Saturday

night against Harding, we came out really strong, scored three goals in the first 20 minutes and just cruised from there," Parker said.

The late goals have been a problem for the Tigers, who have only recorded a single shutout the entire season despite 10 wins.

"Saturday, there was about a minute left and they lofted a ball into the box and called us for a foul on the header. It was frustrating and it put a sour note on the game, but it was a good effort by the guys," Parker said.

Peralta's play that day was superb. He contributed 60 percent of the Tiger's goals, he created chances and opened up opportunities for other players across the field. Parker was happy to see Peralta back at 100 percent after struggling with injury.

"He had a really good game. He was really active. He's been nursing a hamstring and quad injury for the last three or four weeks, so he's really struggled and he's finally getting fit and healthy," Parker said.

Fort Hays will finish its regular season at home against Southern Nazarene tomorrow, at the Fort Hays State University Soccer Stadium.

The Tigers begin postseason play in the MIAA conference tournament on Thursday, Nov. 1, in Olathe, likely facing conference-leading Lindenwood.

## Women suffer second loss to No. 4 UNK

Taylor Deutscher

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team added two more wins to its record this weekend in matchups against Missouri Southern State University and Baptist University.

The Lions put up a good fight, but the Tigers got the best of them with scores of 25-23, 25-19 and 26-24.

Sophomore **Madison Schwartz** was a dominant player in the game. Leading the team in kills and digs. Schwartz recorded 12 kills, hitting .320 for the match and managed 15 digs to help the team out. Sophomore **Sara Hewson** also proved to be an important part of the team with 11 kills.

Setter senior **Kayla Zoglman** had 38 assists. Zoglman had 11 digs of her own, while junior **Makenzie Weinman** had

13 throughout the game.

On Saturday, Fort Hays moved on to compete against Southwest Baptist. The day resulted in another victory for the Tigers.

The Tigers were ready to close off the match after winning the first two sets 25-14 and 25-16, but the Bearcats had other plans. Southwest Baptist came back to take set three, forcing another set. Fort Hays finished the game with a 25-22 set four win.

After having a quiet night against Missouri Southern, junior **Jenna Ulrich** redeemed herself against Southwest Baptist. She earned a season-high of 19 kills and hit .562 for the match. Schwartz had another impressive night with 14 kills for a .300 hitting percentage and 19 digs.

Leading the Tigers in assists and digs was Zoglman with 54 assists and 22 digs. Weinman and

Hewson each contributed with 21 digs and 11 digs respectively.

Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers traveled to take on No. 4 Nebraska-Kearney. The night resulted in a repeat of the last battle against the Lopers, falling in three straight sets.

Fort Hays started on a good note, but Nebraska-Kearney pulled ahead and took the first set. The Tigers were off their game for the rest of the night, hitting .028 throughout the match.

Once again, Schwartz led the team with seven kills, while Hewson followed with six. Zoglman had 23 assists to her name. Weinman and Zoglman had ten digs each.

This weekend, the Tigers return to the home court. They face University of Central Oklahoma at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Pittsburg State University at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

## Patriots regain AFC East

Taylor Lunsford

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

COMMENTARY

Week seven of the National Football League season wrapped up on Monday night, and while there is still a lot of football to be played, the playoff picture is beginning to take shape.

The AFC is wide open, with nearly every team still in the race for a postseason berth, but the best teams in the NFC are beginning to pull away from the pack.

I am making my surprise pick of the season by saying the Colts earn a wildcard spot.

Andrew Luck's great play has been lost in the hype surrounding Robert Lee Griffin III's rookie season, which is baffling if you look at his numbers. He has just as many wins as Griffin III and has an impressive victory over the Packers. The Colts are playing inspired

football and have the ability and the schedule to make the playoffs with a 9-7 record.

Many analysts labeled 2012 as the year of the rookie quarterbacks, but a more suitable name would be the return of the defense. There have been more defensive touchdowns at this point in the season than any other season since 1970.

Quarterbacks took advantage of the lockout last year, but the defenses have come to play this season with revenge on their minds. All five of the top teams in the NFL's power rankings are playing outstanding defense this season, which proves that defense matters in professional football.

I cannot answer the questions about what is going on with the Lions this year. Detroit is playing awful football. They are in one of the better divisions in the league, and their chances at making a second straight postsea-

son are slim to none at the moment.

The best game of the week came during the late afternoon on Sunday, when the Jets attempted to upset the Patriots in Foxborough. It is unlikely that anyone thought Rex Ryan and his team stood a chance, but they managed to take the struggling Patriots into overtime before Mark Sanchez blew the game by fumbling the ball in their own territory.

To be fair, Sanchez played a good game, and it is difficult to beat the Patriots at home. Still, in the end, Sanchez "Romoed" the game, and the Patriots retook the lead in the AFC East.

Week eight features a few great games that should make it another great week in the NFL. Look for the Redskins and the Eagles to pull off major upsets in the respective games, while the Giants get sweet revenge for the week one loss to the Cowboys.

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# Artist's Corner | Q and A

With Ryan Ross

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Q: What level of your education are you currently at?

A: I am in my freshman year of college.

Q: What is your major?

A: My major is broadcast communications, or informatics media studies.

Q: Why did you pick this major?

A: It combines my interest of theatre and music that I can pursue later in life. This way, I do not have to live in my car.

Q: Do you listen to a wide variety of music? If so, what?

A: Oh yeah. I listen to everything from 1940s swing music to dub step, [and] death metal – basically anything. The only thing I will not listen to is completely hardcore screamo.

Q: If your life were

a musical, what album would you pick to be the soundtrack to your life?

A: That is a good question, I am debating between three: "Cornerstone" by Stix, Boston's original self-entitled debut album, or ItaloBrothers' "Stamp on the Ground."

Q: You were in the musical "Curtains." What is the funniest and best review you have been given?

A: That I am believably flamboyant, frantic and fun.

Q: If you could pick any animal to be, what would you pick?

A: A falcon.

Q: Why would you pick a falcon?

A: They are fast, can fly, [and are] noble but they also have the freedom to explore and be independent.

Q: As a child what was your favorite cartoon?

A: Probably Pokemon.

Q: Do you know why it was your favorite?

A: It was amazing, duh. It is one of those things every kid wished was reality.

Q: If you could pick anything to be famous for, what would it be?

A: Acting.

Q: You have a radio show. When do you air?

A: It airs 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, central time, on Channel 17 on Eagle Cable or the internet. KFHS.net, click radio and listen live.

Q: What is your show about?

A: Exposing talented artists that you do not normally hear on the radio.

Q: What is a tradition that your family has?

A: One Christmas present for everyone on Christmas Eve.

Q: Do you know how that tradition got started?

A: Not a clue.

Q: What is your favorite part of that tradition?

A: It is a teaser for the next day. It is a start to the Christmas festivities for our house.

Q: What is the most important thing your family has taught you?

A: To be independent and make my own decisions.

Q: What would you like to pass on to other generations?

A: Be true to yourself and do not underestimate the power of your own ideals.

Q: If you could own any car what would it be?

A: Maserati Spyder.

Q: What is the weirdest thing you have ever done while driving?

A: I locked my sister in my car and drove like a maniac through a Mormon church parking lot to make her tell me why she was upset, which included breaking fast, sharp turns and high speeds.

Q: What is the funniest thing you have seen someone do while driving?

A: I remember I saw a super short old lady that was all crunched down in her seat and was barely over the steering wheel.

Q: What is your favorite flavor of Pringles?

A: Original.

Q: If you could create a flavor for Pringles, what would you make?

A: Oh, is there a way to make ice cream-flavored Pringles?

Q: Lastly, what is your favorite thing to eat in the cafeteria?

A: Ice cream!

## Students slam poetry for prizes, bragging rights

Austin Koeller  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

A famous quote by William Hazlitt states, "Poetry is the universal language which the heart holds with nature and itself." A crowd found out just about the language of poetry as they gathered on Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Cody Commons for the fourth annual Poetry Slam.

The Poetry Slam was put on by the University Activities Board, the English department and the Office of Diversity Affairs. The emcee for the night was Carlos Robson, a two-time poetry slam champion from Charlotte, N.C.

"I'm a storyteller. I've been on a poetry slam competition team called Slam Charlotte for a number of years," Robson said. After performing a few of his poems for the crowd, Robson explained how a poetry slam works. "In most poetry slams you have three minutes to say your poem," Robson said.

Robson spoke fast to keep within the time window. Robson warmed up the crowd by reciting a few of his own poems. In his poem "For Sam," Robson spoke of Sam, an old man who took care of him before his Grandma got off of work. Robson said how Sam had been a huge influence on his life and taught him about black power and prominent leaders such as Malcolm X.

Upon performing his poems, Robson introduced the five performers: seniors Darren Carter, Jamison Green, and Vernon King Jr., sophomore Matt Spurlock and Virtual College student Anna Martin, who performed via Skype. Robson then introduced judges Kaci Ferguson, graduate student Darryl Glenn, Director of McMinded Hall Vinay Patel, English Professor Zach Kastens and Director of Agnew Hall Kaitlin Korbzt.

"I judged on appearance, voice tone and the length of the poem," Glenn said. Green was the first to recite his poem about apologizing to his lover. King brought the



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Senior Jamison Green performs during the Poetry Slam on Tuesday night. Green was crowned the champion of the event, winning an iPad in the process.

crowd to its feet by talking about what it meant for him to be black. After each of the participants performed their poem, Robson performed another one of his poems titled, "Mountain Top," about the Trayvon Martin case.

"They are going to put cameras in front of your face," Robson said. In the poem, Robson spoke as Trayvon talking to his mother. "You will have to say how you feel. You will have to speak for murdered children everywhere," Robson said.

Once the intermission was over, the poets faced off in a second round. Carter talked about the relationship and struggles with his girlfriend. In his second poem, Green spoke of the difficulties of being black.

In the end, one performer would come out the winner of the Poetry Slam. King Jr. won third place, earning a prize of

the entire series of "Dead Poetry" while Sperlock took second place and won a Kindle HD. The winner was Green, who won an iPad 2.

Overall, judges and audience members alike thought the event was a success. "I thought the event went great," Glenn said. "I can't wait for the next one."

"I liked the poems," freshman Jordan Greeley said. "They were very moving."

At the end of the night, Green recapped his win. "I have won this three times already... The first poem I knew for some time. The second one I finished with it last night and memorized it for two or three hours," Green said.

For those who think they may have a talent for poetry, now is not too soon to begin preparing for next year's Poetry Slam.

## 'Sinister' ideal for Halloween scares

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REVIEW

October in the movie world has just one meaning: It is time for Halloween and horror films. While the past few years have been littered with sorry attempts at remakes and uninteresting sequels, Hollywood finally listened to the cries of horror fans and released an original film to please the masses.

"Sinister" features a struggling writer whose novels focus on solving murders the police have given up on. When he and his family move into the house where a family was recently murdered, he finds a box of films that connects the murder to a series of killings across the country. He realizes his discovery is one that would have been better left alone.

"Sinister" makes "Paranormal Activity" look like an episode of

"Sesame Street." It is the scariest film to be released in at least a decade.

It features psychological terror mixed with pure gruesomeness to create one of the most terrifying films in the history of cinema. It manages to do this without an overabundance of gore and no found footage. Yes, you read it here, folks: Horror films can be made without the use of found footage.

The film also breaks the cliché of horror films' having flat characters. Most horror films feature characters with little or no back story that are there to be tortured or killed. "Sinister" features real characters who have a true family dynamic.

They are flawed. They argue like an actual married couple and family. It makes the characters more relatable, which causes the audience to care about and fear for these characters when they find themselves in

dangerous situations.

If you have seen the fake commercials advertising "Paranormal Activity 4" that feature the audience screaming, this is how the audience reacted when I attended "Sinister."

The scares are real, the suspension is petrifying and there will be numerous occasions where you will put your face into your hands, afraid to see what will happen next. It is dreadful to sit through, but this is meant in the best way possible. The film sets up certain situations where the audience knows the characters are about to go through a horrific series of events.

If you see one scary movie this Halloween season, it has to be "Sinister." Any movie fan who can handle being scared should see this film immediately; however, they should prepare themselves for the nightmares that come along with seeing a horror film this effective.

Have a friend you want to recommend for the Q & A? Send your recommendation to [fhsuleader@gmail.com](mailto:fhsuleader@gmail.com)



## Ask an FHSU student

*If you could be the best at one thing, what would it be?*



*"Solving problems. Then you'd never be stressed out. Or cooking."*

Tyler Mathers, sophomore



*"Inventing things so I can be rich."*

Emily Sable, freshman

*"Lightening up people's moods. If people were happier, they would get more things done."*

Cristina Nieto, sophomore



*"Public speaking. Then I would be able to motivate others and never be at a loss for words or be under pressure."*

Daisy Saavedra, sophomore



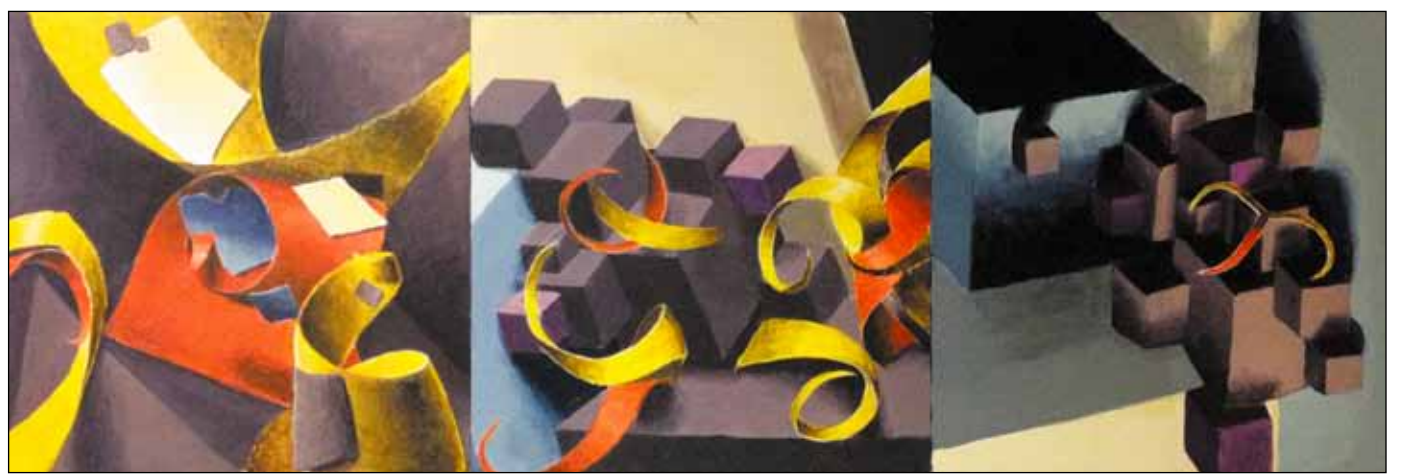
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