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# Self-defense workshop caps Red Flag month

Jordan Roston  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Women's Leadership Project concluded their annual Red Flag Campaign with a workshop that provided potentially life-saving information.

Partnered with the Defensive Tactics Club and Kenton Russell, instructor in the Department of Justice Studies, WLP hosted their semiannual self-defense workshop, which taught women and men the skills needed when one's personal safety may be in danger.

From pressure points to getting away from a chokehold, the Fort Hays State University's Defensive Tactics Club has been pairing up with WLP since the spring of 2010, with each year bringing students and community members out to Cunningham Hall. This year was no exception: Nearly 30 men and women came to work with 16 coaches.

"The Defensive Tactics coaches and Kenton Russell make it fun, but they also make it educational," said Christie Brungardt, director of the WLP.

Brungardt, along with freshman Maggie Thibault and senior Brittney Jacobs, have worked on bringing dating violence and other red flags of dating to the attention of those on campus. October featured posters, presentations and displays around campus, making students staff and community members aware of how red flags take form in relationships. These warning signs include stalking, victim blame and emotional abuse.

"I feel like we penetrated several areas on campus from athletics to the Res Halls, academic classes to the general student population..." Brungardt said. "Because of an article [in the Leader] when we



Courtney Riggle/ Leader

Senior Kayla Brake, left, instructs freshman Aleta Martin, right, on tactics to defend herself in the event of an attack. The self-defense workshop was the final event held for Red Flag month throughout Oct. which is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

kicked off the Red Flag Campaign, there was a posting about Fort Hays State University of the National Red Flag Campaign website, so we had some national recognition as well," Brungardt said.

"Even with me and Brittney being new, we got to hit a lot of different groups and a lot of different people so I think next year we'll do even better,"

Thibault said. Brungardt stated that she and the WLP plan on hosting more workshops in the future. Next semester will include coaching from Kenton Russell and his team. Brungardt added that the importance of having these events on campus is increased by necessity and facts.

"What drives me is since I know the informa-

tion about gender-based violence on campus and I know that those numbers are increasing, it makes it all the more pressing that everyone on a college campus knows how to defend themselves.

"I think it is just so important because even if you're positive it's never going to happen to you, which no one can be, you need to be aware of it

for your friends, and you need to say something to people if you see it in your friends' relationships, in your siblings' relationships. It is a fact of life that gender-based violence occurs and the more of us that are more educated, the more of us will reduce it. So I say that to anyone that thinks it doesn't matter, they just need to learn more about it," Brungardt

said. The Women's Leadership Project will host several other events on campus open to both students and community members. For more information on WLP's event's and programs including the American Association of University Women, contact WLP at womensleadershipproject@fhsu.edu or call (785) 628-4312.

# Campus experiences bloody Halloween

Tyler Parks  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Alpha Kappa Psi, along with the Red Cross, hosted their biannual blood drive.

Tuesday, the nurses for Red Cross operated in the Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The goal for this year was 200 participant, 40 more than last year. The number was reached with ease after 120 people showed up on Tuesday.

Alpha Kappa Psi is the business fraternity on campus and hosts the two blood drives on campus with Red Cross every year.

"One thing we found was that the Red Cross was understaffed because they weren't expecting this many people to come in and donate," said senior Anna Weber, chairperson for the

American Red Cross on campus and Alpha Kappa Psi.

Students; in addition to giving blood, were able to enter to win a television donated by Horizon Appliance. Each student also receive coupon books to Freddy's and McDonald's. "We would like to thank everyone who helped out and all the businesses that donated," Weber said.

"We had a really good turnout. We had so many people show up there was a 2-hour wait on Tuesday," Weber said.

"I donated to save the three lives I needed to," freshman Jordan Dietze said.

"Good deed doing turns into good things, good karma," freshman Patrina Frazier said.

The second blood drive of the school year will be on March 6 and 7.



Jolie Green/ Leader

Graduate student Corey Emberton, left, and sophomore Casey Thomlinson, seated right, give blood Wednesday in the ballroom of the Union.

## Weekend Weather

Friday



Hi: 68  
Lo: 40

Mostly Cloudy

Saturday



Hi: 62  
Lo: 36

AM Clouds

Sunday



Hi: 63  
Lo: 34

Mostly Sunny

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## Alternative break offered to students

**Sarah Werling**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Winter break conjures thoughts of snow, no classes and the holiday season. Many during this part of the year opt to think of themselves and forget those in need. Alternative Winter Break is the answer to stepping away from self-indulgent thoughts.

Alternative Winter Break is a unique opportunity for college students

to grow as individuals. Students involved in Alternative Winter Break will engage in community service, but will gain much more than that. They will learn about issues such as literacy, poverty, racism, hunger, homelessness and the environment through helping others.

Jan. 12 through the 20, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Tigers in Service will be sponsoring a trip for seventeen students to build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that has helped construct more than 500,000 homes and provided for 2.5 million people worldwide. The homes are given to those with a high level of need, a willingness to become partners in the program and an ability to repay the loan.

In April 2011, Tuscaloosa was hit by a tornado. Houses are still being replaced, which is how

Tigers in Service will help. Two twelve-passenger vans will make their way to Alabama with the volunteers for one week. While building one home, the volunteers will be staying in a free location that provides a kitchen to cook their own food. "It's going to be awesome," Co-Director of Tigers in Service **Rebecca Kohl** said.

A \$50 fee will be required. While Habitat for Humanity was govern-

ment funded previously, volunteers are now required to help fund their projects.

Fifty or more students are expected to sign up for the trip. Anyone willing to go must turn in their application by Nov. 12. To pick up an application, visit Custer Hall room 202.

Besides the application, an interview is required. The project coordinator for Tigers in Service, along with other board members, will decide who

will attend.

Another upcoming Tigers in Service event is the Delta Zeta Turtle Relay Race on Saturday, Nov. 10. Sign-up for Salvation Army bell ringing will also be coming up soon. Tigers in Service is also looking for fundraising projects to assist those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

To contact Tigers in Service, email them at [service.fhsu.edu](mailto:service.fhsu.edu) or call 785-628-5537.

## Sternberg takes haunting to the trails

**Victoria Staros**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The full moon made an appearance for a spooky event. With the mood set, the Sternberg Museum's "Haunted Museum Terror on the Trails" event was sure to be a success on Sunday, Oct. 28.

"Terror on the Trails" lasted from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Dr. Howard Reynolds Nature Trails. Groups of ten to fifteen braved the rocky terrain for the twenty-minute walk through the trees, which were lit up by glow sticks.

After watching the first groups disappear into the forest, the next group followed while hearing faint screams and laughter. When visitors walked past a few witches eating a trick-or-treater, they were welcomed by a group of ear-piercing screams. Scary screams were nothing compared to looking up at the full moon before seeing the Headless Horseman following the

groups.

After crossing the bridge, receiving a flashlight and walking into caution tape, groups made their way into a large field, where tombstones reading "Here Lies Joe" and "R.I.P. Bobby" were scattered around. Zombies with limp legs came out of the shadows and followed the groups while skeletons jumped out of their graves to startle visitors.

The groups walked back into the dark trees and were sprayed with colorful silly string. Even at the end of the trail, chainsaw and screams were heard from the forest.

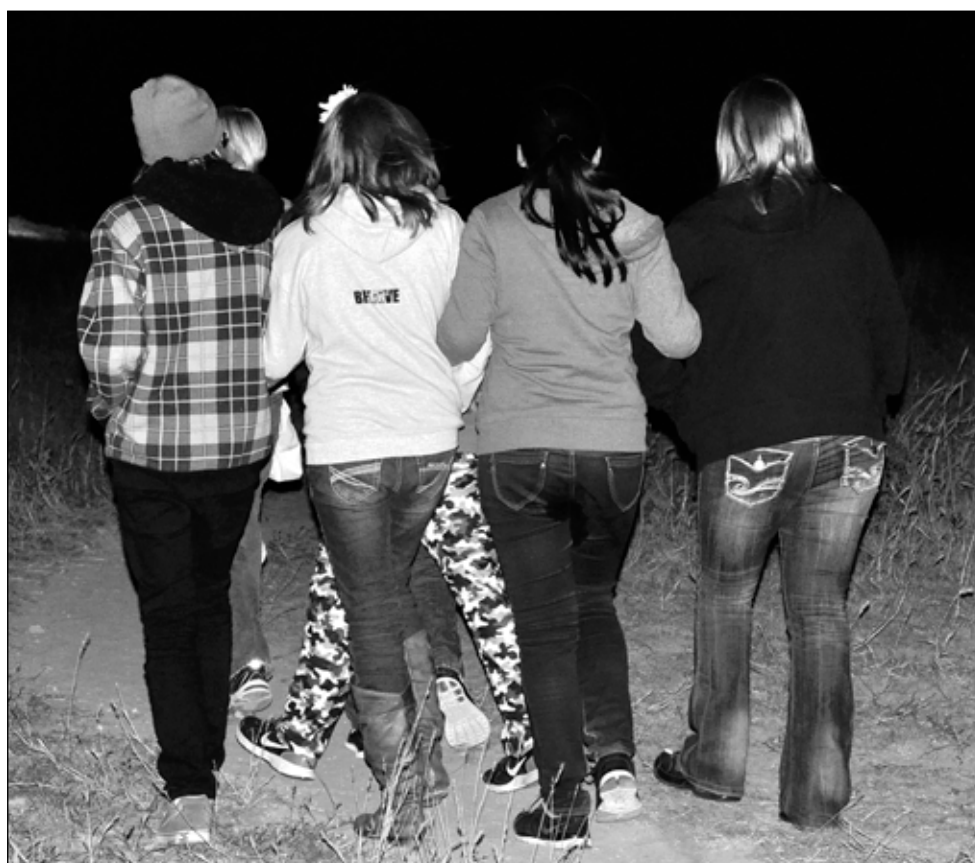
Each group was then picked up by a tractor for a hayride back to the museum while the Headless Horseman followed behind the tractor, making sure to get in one last scare before the end of the event.

After being dropped off at the museum, visitors were able to vote for

their favorite scenes. Each scene was put on by a different club, which included Sternberg staff and volunteers, Hays High FFA, Hays High National Honors Society and the Rodeo Club. The scene that received the most votes was put on by Hays High NHS with "Zombies in the Playground."

"I enjoyed the trail a lot. I really liked how many people were actually involved with it all. It was a lot scarier than I expected, and the nature trail itself was really interesting," sophomore **Lisa Bernsten** said. "I loved the Headless Horseman and the zombies that followed me. My favorite part was the silly string, because I was not expecting it at all. But the chainsaw man scared me most out of all of them. It was funny, scary and interesting," Bernsten said.

Visitors were able to purchase a cup of hot chocolate to end of the "Terror on the Trails" event.



McKenzie Wiles / Leader

Sternberg Museum hosted a Haunted Museum on Monday, Sternberg Spooktacular on Wednesday in addition to the event on Sunday.

## Professors discuss politicians' space policies

**Tyler Parks**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

This year's presidential candidates discussed topics ranging from healthcare to foreign affairs, but not space exploration or NASA.

That was the topic of this week's Times Talk, sponsored by the Center for Civic Leadership. Professors Paul Adams and John Heinrichs discussed the future of NASA and America's space exploration projects.

Heinrichs, who serves as the chair of the Geosciences department, started the talk with a history of NASA, then showed how funding has changed over the years.

He discussed how Clinton made space more routine, trips to the space station, satellite repairs and the Mars Pathfinder.

He showed with each president that NASA received less percentage of the budget, leaving little room for projects to

receive the funding they need.

He talked about the privatization of space being the only growing area.

The 2013 budget request for NASA showed cuts across the board especially in education, cutting 20 percent of the budget

Adams added to that by saying that no administration has tried to replace any of the money.

Space is connected to education and we have lost our vision. If we don't support it, it will be gone Adams explained.

"It is disappointing to see that none of the parties are really interested in space exploration and NASA because it has always been a big part of my life and a hobby for me," freshman **Molly Morgan** said.

Adams showed the positions of space exploration from four of the political parties: Republican, Democrat, Green and Libertarian.

Obama thinks it is vital to monitor the Earth and supports the privatization of space exploration.

Romney thinks it is crucial to national security and our international standing.

Adams showed the jobs NASA creates, as well as its connections to education, robotics and our major leaps in technology.

Adams went on to talk about the training time for astronauts. If we lose out on a crew, it takes 20 years to train another one.

"I really didn't know how space exploration affects everything we do like electronic-wise and businesswise. It is eye opening how much we need it," freshman **Darissa Spears** said.

The talk concluded with questions from the audience that led to a discussion on the recent Hurricane Sandy and what satellites have done in terms of weather predictions.

## Walking Taco Fundraiser



Jolie Green / Leader

Senior Michael Mosshart, senior Amanda Brungardt, senior Taylor Gallart, sophomore Macy Ziegler and senior Ryan Prosser prepare their "walking tacos" to help raise money for Kayden Tiernan, Fort Hays Association of Nursing Students sold walking tacos Monday, Oct. 29, in the Quad. The tacos didn't have legs, but they were portable. The walking tacos consisted of a small bag of Doritos or Fritos with taco meat and toppings on the inside. FAND hosted the fundraiser for Tiernan, son of Kerry and April Tiernan, who was diagnosed with a tumor on his liver. "We do fundraisers for not just our group but also for things we think are worthy . . . It's closer to home. A lot of people on campus know Kayden," senior Heather Beougher said, head of fundraising committee. Kathleen Ward was the sponsor for this event

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## Degrees drop, attendance drops

**Johnny Hill**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



Where did everybody go? I know it's cold outside, but does that mean class is automatically canceled?

I cannot be the only one who has noticed the lack of attendance in recent weeks. Most of my classes are major-specific, so my classmates know better than to skip. I do have a general education course, and that class has been shrinking slowly since the temperatures first dropped.

My friends have noticed the same phenomenon. One friend counted as few as fifteen people in a class that initially had more than 40 students. I just don't understand what makes everyone stay home.

I know it's getting colder, and the weather usually affects attendance. But why? The world does not stop because summer has ended. If you haven't noticed, all the staff spots are still taken every day. The teachers who take countless hours out of their days to teach us have not just given up. So why has everyone given up on them?



Maybe I am misinformed. Maybe there is something else going on around here that I have no knowledge of. Is there a plague going around? Did a new campus open up across town that I haven't seen? Or was someone walking around the Quad last week handing out million-dollar checks so people could drop out of school? I sure hope not; otherwise, I'll be pretty jealous. Now that midterms are

around, perhaps everyone has decided it is okay to go into hibernation. Midterms and finals are the only times that matter anyway. I assume everyone will wake back up that last week of school, get their A's, and head home for the break. It is hard to say why people do this, and maybe I'll never know. I feel lonely walking between classes. The Quad used to be such a full and lively place, and now I look

around and see four or five other people, maybe ten at the most. Please, for my sake, come to class and keep me company. Trust me, I am the farthest thing from a "winter person." I hate winter. I am tolerant of it since I grew up in Colorado, but that does not mean I have to like it. Once I am done in Hays, you can bet I will be moving somewhere warmer. The cold, the bitter winds, the dreary

gray sky – it is all terrible to me. However, none of this is a reason to skip class by any means. It's cold weather. It happens. I do miss a class occasionally, of course. Everyone should. It is a healthy thing to do as a student – just not too much. Not attending on a regular basis does not make sense to me. Why would you put half a semester's worth of work into a class only to throw it all away by missing the

entire second half? Stay in school, kids. I always thought I'd be saying that to my children when they got to elementary school, not my university peers. Yes, it is a bit chilly outside – suck it up. Bundle up, throw on those hats and gloves, and make your way to class. Your teachers might appreciate having a little more than 20 percent attendance, and I can guarantee you'll learn something.

## McMindes cafeteria food improving

**Austin Koeller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



During my first few days at Fort Hays State University, the McMindes cafeteria captivated me with the food offered. The pizza was made just right and tasted fresh. The variety of foods seemed endless.

After that, Chartwells stopped doing all of the things that made its food so appealing. When I walked

into the cafeteria after settling in to college life, the food began to appear less than appealing. The pizza went from being made just right to a slice of runny dough topped with tomato sauce.

This was not the only food item that was less than appealing. Any type of rice that was offered in the display case was dry. How hard is it to boil a pot of rice?

That same day I treated myself to a plate of prime rib thinking that it looked appetizing. Of all the horrible things that Chartwells had fed me up to that point, this had to be the worst of them all. The prime rib consisted of undercooked meat and fat, which about made me vomit.

The food selection had also gone by the wayside.

There was not a large selection of food from day to day. The menu consisted of the same things: pizza, hamburgers and fries. I got tired of eating the same meal every single day. Even ramen sounded more appetizing than the cafeteria food.

However, within the past few weeks, Chartwells has taken drastic measures to improve their menu. As I walked into the cafeteria this past week, I noticed that Chartwells had set up a whiteboard next to the front register for students to write suggestions. They took these suggestions to heart and made changes to meet students' desires.

Over the past two weeks, the food has started to go back to the way it was. The first major change that I

noticed is that the pizza is no longer a slice of runny dough topped with tomato sauce. Now, it is cooked better than it was before. A couple of students even remarked on the board that it had been some of the best pizza that they had in their years at Fort Hays.

The menu is more varied. Chartwells is offering many different and new food choices throughout the week.

While the McMindes cafeteria may have had its bout with terrible food, it has become delicious once again. I applaud Chartwells for making the changes necessary to ensure that students get a satisfying meal.

The next time you eat in the McMindes cafeteria, thank the cooks for making the food better for students.

## Post Halloween tips and suggestions

**Eric Bader**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



The aftermath of Halloween can be one of the most devastating times of the semester for the hapless student, who is cruelly forced to return to classes mere hours after various costumed debaucheries. This year is especially dreadful, since Halloween has fallen on Wednesday – directly in the middle of the week.

What are we to do? Skipping class on Thursday, Friday and maybe Monday for good measure seems like an attractive option, but with the right mindset, the horrors of Halloween don't have to carry on through the rest of the week.

The first suggestion is not to binge. Since today is All Hallows' Day and thus the day after Halloween, it may be too late for many. Alcohol, however, is not the only substance capable of creating a post-festivity crash. This is the season of free candy from strangers, and it can be too easy to slump into a chocolatey sugar haze, especially if you wake up 10 minutes before class and a bag of candy is the only breakfast option available.

Even worse, today marks the joyous yet horrible holiday known as "Half-Priced Huge Bags of Candy at Dillon's Day." It may be tempting to buy several bags and down them all at once, but it may be best to skip out on this temptation, lest you miss class in order to eject creamy, delicious candy vomit.

Another problem that faces those who take part in

Halloween parties is what to do with the costume afterward. While it may seem like a sensible option to keep it for next year or throw it away depending on its state of wear and tear and/or saturation with beer, there are more creative options at your disposal.

Those who dressed as superheroes can retain the costume for wear at the next big movie release. It doesn't matter if it's a superhero movie, "The Hobbit" or a romantic comedy, whatever; just show up in costume. At the very least, you'll get some attention, be it positive or negative.

Consider this advice null for those who have costumes involving tall hats. Though "Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Slayer" may be an attractive costume to wear to the midnight premiere of "The Great Gatsby," the people in the seats behind you might have other ideas.

Perhaps one of the most esoteric problems facing the post-Halloween partier – for the sake of brevity, these people will henceforth be known as Hal-loweeners – is the simple fact that sitting around in a boring old classroom filled with boring old knowledge is just too hum-drum in light of the frantic, bloody rituals of the previous night. In these situations, it is often best to imagine yourself and your classmates as if they were wearing costumes – make them whatever you like.

You can also pretend like you are in the Magic School Bus, whizzing around through the void of space. Or you can pretend like your teacher is saying "donuts donuts donuts" instead of the normal lecture. The sky's the limit when you use your imagination.

I hope that these useful and serious tips can be of use during these horrible days. Please join me after Thanksgiving break, when I will discuss 101 artistic ways to use turkey giz-zards.

## America needs third political party

**Tyler Parks**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



America is in dire need of a legitimate third political party. The severe polarity of the two parties makes it hard to align with either one.

My values and beliefs for the most part do not align with either of the candidates in the two major parties. That doesn't really bother me, though; neither side has done anything recently that really stands out to me. Neither party is wrong. I have some conservative values as well as some more liberal views on things, but doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is insane.

Many times in elections, third parties are accused of stealing votes from the losing side. For example, George H.W. Bush and many Republicans blame Ross Perot for Bush's

unsuccessful bid at a second term in 1992, in which Perot gained 18.9 percent of the votes. Both lost to Bill Clinton.

A third party candidate gets its votes from somewhere, but I believe they come from the moderates of both parties, not just the Republican side.

The Republicans and Democrats act as though agreeing with one another will hurt their campaign. I disagree. I would vote for a candidate who is willing to work with the other side and might be more moderate, but I understand making it past the primary is slim.

Winning a primary seems to come down to who can be more conservative or liberal. They can take a step or two toward the middle to steal votes from the other side, but not too far, or they might lose the support of their party for being too close to "the other side."

The problem with third party candidates is the fear of change. Many voters vote according to their party regardless of the candidate. People fear what the candidate from a new party might do with power; the unknown can be scary to them.

If the Democrats and

Republicans aren't scared of a legitimate third party, they should be. Under the right leadership, a third party could become powerful in its own right.

In 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson won 42 percent of the popular vote. Coming in second was Theodore Roosevelt, who won 27 percent. Roosevelt didn't receive the Republican nomination that year and ran under the Progressive or "Bull Moose" Party.

That was the last time a Republican or Democrat did not come in second. Being a former president and a Republican, Roosevelt probably did take votes from the incumbent Republican William Taft, but that shows that under the right leadership, a third party can be successful.

A third party with its own constituents would cut down on the complaining from the losing side and give the American people another choice. The Tea Party had a legitimate chance before the radical religious groups latched onto them. Religion is too involved in politics at this point. Churches are not allowed to endorse candidates, and many religious groups would like to see that

changed, but if they want their tax exemptions, they can keep their opinions to themselves.

There are more than two ways to look at things, and the fact that none of the third party candidates are invited to the debates should say something.

They might actually answer the questions they are asked and stay on point and away from personal attacks, unlike what we saw this year.

Maybe your views do align with one of the candidates from the major two parties, that is great, but it never hurts to see who else is out there. In everything I have read or any of the questionnaires I have taken, Romney and Obama are the furthest from my point of view.

There will be more than two names on the ballot for the presidency, so it is my hope that everyone will take a look at the candidates not from the major two parties and align with the one who best represents their views.

This doesn't apply to only the national elections. Local elections matter more than most people realize, and it is the perfect place to start change.

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The Hays Symphony Orchestra performs during its "Mostly Mozart" concert Saturday night in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

## Hays orchestra takes on Mozart

**Taylor Lunsford**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

On Saturday night, the Hays Symphony Orchestra performed its second concert of the season at Beach-Schmidt Auditorium. "Mostly Mozart" featured a number of Mozart's symphonies and one from Francesco Geminiani.

The first piece, "Concerto No. 5 for Violin and Orchestra, K. 219," set the tone for the entire show. The piece featured guest violinist Denise Blehm. Blehm studied at Wichita State University and was a member of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra for more than a decade. She is the Director of the Arts Council of Dickinson County and concertmaster of the Salina Symphony Orchestra. Her perfor-

mance was the highlight of the night.

The rest of the concert seemed like a breeze and was a fantastic way to spend the evening. Every piece was well-rehearsed and beautifully performed. The pieces were not selections one would expect to hear from a Mozart concert.

Mozart was known for being a versatile composer, and he wrote in every variety of music known at the time. The Hays Symphony Orchestra has proven that they are versatile as well between the two concerts this year.

The first concert featured numerous pieces of music from films of the last 50 years, which showed their appreciation of film genres. The second concert consisted of different types of music featuring the symphonies and compositions of one of

the greatest composers of all time.

The Hays Symphony Orchestra has proven it can put on a show that everyone will enjoy. It is quality entertainment that would be great for the entire family. They play beautiful music, and they do it with grace and style that few orchestras can replicate. Everyone should appreciate the work they are doing.

This statement applies to the entire Fort Hays State Department of Music and Theatre, because they put on a diverse range of shows that should please any fan of music or theatrical performances.

It is important that we relish the opportunity to see these shows while we can. They work hard to put together great shows. We should reward their hard work by going to their performances.

## Kendrick Lamar produces seminal sophomore album

**Zach Walker**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

You've probably never heard a rap album in the last five years quite like Kendrick Lamar's new album, "good kid, m.A.A.d city."

The record begins with the recitation of a prayer and shifts to the story of a robbery nearly gone wrong. At the end of the album, Lamar describes cradling a friend in his arms as he dies from gunshot wounds. To say the least, "good kid, m.A.A.d city" will become a mainstay in hip-hop culture for years to come.

If you haven't heard of Kendrick Lamar, you should start working that name into your vocabulary. Since releasing his great debut album "Section.80" last year, the 25-year-old Compton rapper has gained a steady amount of followers. Lamar has received an enormous amount of hype around the hip-hop world for his storytelling skills and immeasurable talent. Dropping a week ago, "good kid, m.A.A.d city" is a concept album that chronicles the story of a young Lamar trying to survive daily life in the city of Compton.

The opening track, "Sherane a.k.a Master Splinter's Daughter," initiates the tone for the entire record as it sets in motion the storyline of the album. Opening up with a prayer, the song has an ambient, smooth beat that fits in the background perfectly. 17-year-old Lamar tells the story of a girl named Sherane, who becomes the object of all his attention

after their meeting at a party. At the end of the track, Lamar arrives at her home and is jumped by two gang members as Lamar's parents leave a voicemail on his phone telling him to come home. These voicemail skits that occur at the end of nearly each song help to provide insight into the life of Lamar. They also deliver linear structure to the album.

The third track, "Backseat Freestyle," takes the album to new heights. Featuring a catchy chorus and an insane, booming beat produced by Hit-Boy, the track is a standout on the album. The song displays Lamar's talent as he raps in double and triple time while changing his voice.

Though the track shows Lamar rapping about having women, money and power, it acts as a contradiction to his current beliefs. In his music, Lamar advocates the idea that having materialistic things mean absolutely nothing. The track tells how Lamar's mindset changed and matured as he got older.

The art of storytelling in hip-hop has diminished in the last decade, but "good kid, m.A.A.d city" displays Lamar placing himself among the great storytellers in rap history with ease. Gloomy and dark, "The Art of Peer Pressure" tells the tale of Lamar hanging out with his friends on the streets of Compton and the pressures he faces every day from his friends to drink, smoke and gang-bang.

Another testament to Lamar's fantastic storytelling ability is the phenomenal "Sing About Me, I'm Dying Of Thirst." The first

half of the track revolves around Lamar's showing empathy about the friends and acquaintances he has lost over the years. The track takes a twist in its second half as the entire beat changes and displays Lamar confessing his mistakes and his wanting to turn every negative into a positive.

Lamar proves that he doesn't need catchy choruses or repetitive lyrics about women or money to create a memorable experience on an album. Outside of the hooks on the fantastic first single "Swimming Pools (Drank)" and "Backseat Freestyle," "good kid, m.A.A.d city" lacks in the department of radio-ready songs, but that doesn't affect the album one bit. With the exception of two songs, every track goes over at least four minutes and the majority of the songs hover around the five to six minute mark. While that may not seem important, it helps shows that Lamar isn't interested in making radio-friendly songs - he wants to create an undeniable legacy that will last longer than any single.

Lamar has shown that he is worthy of each piece of publicity and praise he gets with this album. Lamar has crafted a masterpiece that will place him in the top tier of rappers and go down as an album that will be viewed as one of the best rap albums released in recent memory. If you're a fan of honest, real hip-hop, go buy this album as soon as possible. Kendrick Lamar will be around for the next fifteen years, so don't waste any time and get acquainted with the new savior of hip-hop.

Have a friend you want to recommend for the Q & A?

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# Tigers ready for MIAA semifinals

**Colin Miller**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University men's soccer team finished its regular season at home with a 4-0 victory against the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm.

The win moves the Tigers to 11-4-2 overall and 7-2-1 in the MIAA. The victory is little more than a morale-booster for the Tigers, who have wrapped up the last spot in the conference tournament, holding a five-win advantage over the nearest competitor, 2-7-1 Harding University.

As the No. 4 seed, Fort Hays will face conference league winner Lindenwood in the semifinals of the MIAA championships today.

The Tigers honored four seniors on Friday: forward **Tomas Mares**, defensive midfielder **Dula Fadis** and outside backs **Jared Bailey** and **Patrick Brennan**.

Mares celebrated what might be his last match in Hays by opening up the Tigers' scoring in the 35th minute, connecting from **Diego Cabral** in front of the goal to give Fort Hays the lead before the break.

Cabral was again the provider two minutes later, as his chipped shot was knocked in by freshman **Austin Clifton** to double the advantage. The Tigers headed into the break with a 2-0 lead.

Fort Hays picked up in the second half where they left off. Cabral got his third assist of the evening in the 62nd minute, this time providing for redshirt junior **Daniel Peralta**, who had been causing problems for SNU. Peralta knocked in Cabral's shot as it rattled off the post to give the

Tigers a 3-0 advantage.

Fort Hays finished the scoring 11 minutes later as Peralta provided for freshman **Joe Albright** as the Tigers capitalized on an SNU defensive error by leaving Albright unmarked in the box.

Peralta nearly got a second assist with time running out as he played a ball to sophomore **Tanner Brock**, whose effort just shaved the post to go wide.

After the match, head coach Brett Parker spoke about his team's performance.

"I thought it was a great effort. We played really well and Southern Nazarene is a great team. They've got dangerous players so to keep a clean sheet against was good and then on our side; we created a ton of opportunities and we finished enough of them. It was a complete team performance," Parker said.

Fort Hays looks ahead to the MIAA conference tournament, where the Tigers not only have the opportunity to win the first conference championship since the league's restart, but also could secure home soil for the super-regional games en route to a nationals appearance.

"If this doesn't get you excited, you don't have a pulse," Parker said to his players after the match.

Despite Lindenwood's top seeding, Parker and his team are excited to face the Lions again.

"All four teams in the tournament are good teams, so it's just pick your poison in terms of who we're going to play. Lindenwood is the No. 1 seed, so we'll have to beat them eventually, so getting them on the first night - that's fine for us," Parker said.



Courtney Riggle/Leader

Senior Tomas Mares tries to knock the ball away from the goal. The Tigers are 11-4-2 overall and 7-2-1 in the MIAA.

After the match, Cabral shared his feelings on the performance.

"It felt great. Who doesn't want to get three assists? The team played great, probably the best game we've played all

year, so we're very happy for the win - probably our last one here," Cabral said.

Cabral echoed his coach's sentiment about facing the top-seeded Tigers.

"Lindenwood, yes, we want revenge. They beat us here, so we're really looking forward to playing them. We're definitely ready; we've just got to focus and work hard and get ready for Thurs-

day," Cabral said.

If the Tigers win, they will play for the conference title and grab a spot in regional play. Another win sends them home with the MIAA championship trophy.

# Women advance in conference tournament

**Colin Miller**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University women's soccer team capped off their best performance of the year with a crucial 1-0 victory in the MIAA championship tournament over rival Truman on Tuesday.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers toppled Nebraska-Kearney with a 5-1 victory at home on Friday and squeaked by Western State 1-0 on Sunday. The two victories were the Tigers' final matches of the regular season and secured their spot as the No. 6 seed in the tournament.

Fort Hays got on the board early in the first half as junior **Joanne Glynn** received a long ball from senior **Bethany Keefer** outside the box and opened up enough room from her defender to loft a shot across goal. Nebraska-Kearney's keeper wasn't quick enough off her line to knock out the superb effort and the Tigers went up 1-0 in the sixth minute.

The lead didn't last. Fort Hays let the Lopers back into the game two minutes later, as the Tiger backline failed to deal with a cross from distance that fell to an unmarked Nebraska-Kearney striker to level the scores.

Three minutes after making her introduction in the match, freshman **Kylee Loneker** put the Tigers back in front in the 33rd minute as she connected with fellow freshman **Alexis Aiman**'s cross. Loneker separated from her defender and kneed her shot

just over the keeper's head to make the advantage 2-1 before the half.

The second half was one-way traffic as the Tigers put three more into the net. First, sophomore sweeper **Jamie Babyak** got her first goal of the season as she connected with a corner by **Nicole Randall** 12 minutes into the second half.

Senior **Cindy Benitez** made the advantage 3-1 in the 66th minute as she pounced on a Nebraska-Kearney defensive error and converted on her 1-on-1 opportunity.

Finally, sophomore **Hailey Davey** wrapped up the scoring as she ran onto another Aiman pass, slotting home to make the score 5-1.

Fort Hays didn't accumulate such an impressive scoreline against Western State two days later, but still came away with a win.

Before the match, Fort Hays recognized six seniors in what would be their last home game: striker **Sade Humphrey**, attacking midfielders Benitez and Randall, defensive midfielder Keefer and defenders **Kacy Hale** and **Stefanie Wiesen**.

After a scoreless first half, freshman **Jordan Hester** scored the game winner for the Tigers a minute into the second half. Hester connected with Aiman's pass and shot across the goal to give Fort Hays the lead. The Tigers had several opportunities to extend their lead as Humphrey and Keefer went close on several occasions.

After beating Truman two weeks ago and coming in three spots lower in the



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Senior Bethany Keefer defends the ball against Nebraska-Kearney. The Tigers are 12-6-1 overall and 6-5-1 in the MIAA.

rankings, few thought Fort Hays could repeat the effort from earlier in the month. The Tigers eliminated any doubt with a 1-0 victory over the Bulldogs on Tues-

day, moving them into the semifinals of the conference tournament.

The lone goal came courtesy of Randall as she smashed in a free kick late

in the second half to put the Tigers in front. Randall's goal was one of two shots on goal for Fort Hays, who was outshot 21-13. Sophomore keeper **Nicole**

**Barnaba** kept the clean sheet for the Tigers by making four crucial saves.

Fort Hays will play No. 2 University of Central Oklahoma tomorrow.

## Women fight two five-set matches

**Colin Miller**

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team played 14 sets in three matches going 1-2 over the weekend. The Tigers began the series with a 3-2 loss to Central Oklahoma on Saturday night, but rebounded with a 3-2 win over Pittsburg State on Sunday afternoon. Fort Hays fell short against No. 2 Washburn.

Fort Hays started strong against Central Oklahoma and won the first set 25-21. They rolled in the second, racking up a 7-point lead at one point. The Tigers fell short, allowing the Bronchos to snatch the win away with a 23-25 scoreline.

The Tigers regained the lead in the third set as they dominated the latter half to win 25-19, but Central Oklahoma didn't go away. The Tigers dropped the fourth set 25-20 and the Bronchos forced the fifth.

The Tigers looked sure to close the set and the match as they led 11-8 in the final set, but couldn't hold the Bronchos back as they rallied to win 15-13.

Sophomore middle hitter **Taylor Mares** led the Tigers with 13 kills, followed by juniors **Jenna Ulrich** and **Madison Schwartz**. Senior setter **Kayla Zoglman** led the team in assists with 45 and junior libero **Makenzie Weinman** led the Tigers defensively with 36 digs. Ulrich led the Tigers in blocks with nine.

On Sunday, the Tigers were forced to play catch-up as they dropped the first set to Pittsburg State 25-23 despite leading by 2-4 points throughout the set.

The Gorillas went on a late run to put Fort Hays behind 0-1, but the Tigers responded well, picking up the next set 25-22. Fort Hays had the lead for much of the set, but this time were able to hold on and level the scores at 1 each.

Fort Hays was slow coming off the break, allowing Pittsburg State to take a commanding lead of the third set. They won 25-17, but again, Fort Hays responded with vigor and embarrassed the Gorillas on the next set, opening up leads as large as 10 points to take the set 25-20 and force the fifth set.

This time, however, the Tigers were not denied. The Tigers started the set with a 10-0 run to shred any hopes that Pitt State might have had for a victory. Fort Hays closed the set and the match nine points later. The final score was 15-4.

Schwartz performed well for Fort Hays, leading the Tigers with 15 kills. Ulrich and Mares followed with 14 and 12 respectively. Zoglman picked up 54 assists, bringing her total above 1000 for the season, and redshirt freshman **Tara Hoekman** led the Tigers with 21 digs. Weinman, who had 19 digs of her own, went over the 500 mark for digs this season in the Pittsburg State match.

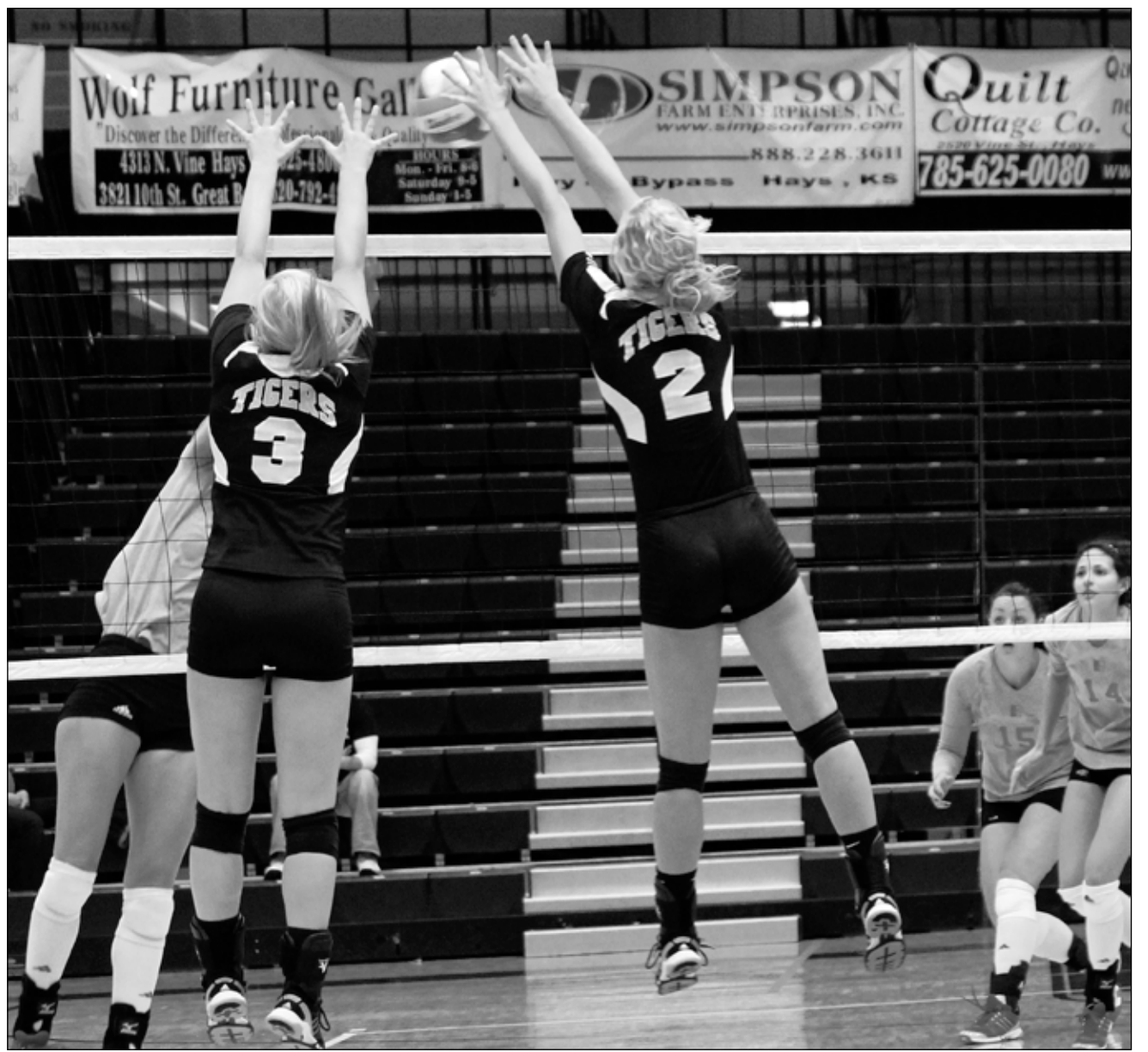
After the match, head coach Kurt Kohler was glad to see the result go Fort Hays' way after yet another grueling match.

"It's nice to get the win. I thought we played very well the last two sets. We did what we needed to through the end of the game and finished a lot better than we did yesterday [against Central Oklahoma]," Kohler said.

The last sets were the deciding factor for the Tigers, as their seamless play put them out of reach for Pittsburg State.

"We took advantage of what Pitt was struggling with and anytime you can get out to a 10-point lead in a 15-point set, you're pretty well on your way. I thought our kids did well hanging in there, staying focused and putting that game away."

The long matches were



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Juniors Madison Schwartz and Jenna Ulrich reach up for a block against Pittsburg State University. The Tigers are 23-11 overall and 7-8 in the MIAA.

good trials for the Tigers. "I think both of these teams are competitive with us in the standings, they're good teams, so it's good for us to be challenged at this point," Kohler said.

Schwartz was also proud of her team's performance.

"I think we stepped up when we needed to and we kept our calm and collected selves. We just finished when we needed to," Schwartz said.

After the tough loss the night before, Fort Hays was glad to get a win after the 5-set struggle.

"It was needed. We needed this one. Yesterday was very stressful and it feels a lot better that we can finish. We know that we can, so come Tuesday, we know we're ready to finish again," Schwartz said.

The Tigers were less fortunate on Tuesday as

they traveled to MIAA powerhouse Washburn. The Lady Blues captured the first set 25-13, but Fort Hays responded well, winning the second set 25-23 thanks to strong blocking efforts by Ulrich. Washburn went on to capture the next two sets, 25-20 and 25-16.

Schwartz was the top offensive producer for the Tigers yet again as she recorded 21 kills, becoming the first Tiger this year

to break 20 kills in a game. Zoglman notched 39 assists and Weinman had 19 digs. Schwartz had a double-double by also recording 14 digs.

Fort Hays is 23-11 overall and 7-8 in the MIAA. With two matches left, the Tigers look to lock up one of eight spots in the conference tournament. No. 8 Fort Hays maintains a three-game advantage over the No. 9 team.

## Tigers no longer MIA in MIAA

**Taylor Deutscher**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University football team improved its record to 4-5 with a win against South Dakota School of Mines last Saturday. The final score of 41-27 marked the three-game win streak for the Tigers.

The Tigers were the first to score on a touchdown pass from sophomore **Tarean Austin** to senior **Cornelius Gallon** with five minutes left in the first quarter. With four seconds remaining, South Dakota Mines squeezed in a 6-yard touchdown run. The Hardrockers attempted to pull ahead with a 2-point conversion rather than settling for a tying

field goal, but the Tiger defense shut them down.

As if freshman **Shaquille Cooper's** 63-yard touchdown wasn't good enough last weekend against Lincoln University, he broke away from the Hardrockers to repeat the same touchdown run in the second quarter.

South Dakota Mines came back after a forced fumble, bring the score to 14-13. Fort Hays made a last-second effort in the first half, scoring on a pass from Austin to senior **Tanner Hageman**. Going into the halftime, the Tigers maintained a 21-13 lead.

The Tigers controlled the third quarter, gaining a 38-13 lead by the end. Fort Hays started with

a 27-yard field goal by freshman **Drew O'Brien**, followed by a touchdown courtesy of senior **Anthony Sheppard**.

With less than a minute left in the third quarter, senior **Keke Paul** extended the lead even further with an 80-yard touchdown run after blocking a South Dakota Mines field goal.

O'Brien kicked for a 39-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, which turned out to be the last time the Tigers managed to score in the game.

South Dakota Mines earned two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough for the Hardrockers to come back.

For the second week

in a row, Cooper had over 100 rushing yards. Sheppard contributed with 88 yards. Austin went 18-for-30 with two touchdowns. Hageman recorded seven receptions, a team-high. Hageman and junior **Ed Williams** tied with 64 receiving yards.

Defensively for the Tigers, senior **Layton Hickel** recorded the team high of 12 tackles, while junior **Michael Terry** had three tackles and an interception.

The Tigers look to extend their win streak to four games as they go into their final home game this Saturday. Fort Hays will face the University of Central Missouri at 2 p.m. for Senior Day.

## NFC the dominant conference

**Taylor Lunsford**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER  
COMMENTARY

We are halfway through the National Football League season, and what a season it has been.

The AFC is wide open for anyone to push for a playoff spot, while the NFC seems to be miles ahead of every team in the opposing conference.

At one point in time on Sunday, Tony Romo was throwing a pick six on one screen while the Kansas City Chiefs were miffing a punt the Raiders recovered on the other. There has never been a greater

example of two teams shooting themselves in the foot at the same time.

To be fair, Romo made a valiant comeback in the second half and was a few fingertips away from winning that game. Fortunately for Giants fans, Dez Bryant made a crucial error, and New York was able to pull off the victory.

The Chiefs looked terrible the entire game. Sorry Kansas City fans, but the Chiefs look like the worst team in football right now. They are playing terrible, and it does not help that they are defeated by weak opponents.

The good news is they are on pace for the No. 1

draft pick, which could be the quarterback they need. Matt Barkley, Landry Jones, and Geno Smith will be available for them to pick.

While the Chiefs look terrible at the moment, the Denver Broncos are looking like they are beginning to gel as a team. Peyton Manning destroyed the Saints' defense on Sunday night, but the more remarkable aspect of that game was the Broncos' defense shutting down Drew Brees and their record-setting offense.

The Broncos are looking like one of the more complete teams in the AFC, and they are set to

make a deep run into the playoffs.

Unfortunately for the AFC, there is not a team in the conference that will be able to hang with whoever comes out of the NFC in the Super Bowl. The NFC is a more dominant conference, and it will be a few years before the AFC takes home a Lombardi trophy.

Andrew Luck and the Colts will be the next team to win a Super Bowl in the AFC, but this will not happen for three or four years.

Week nine should be another great week, and it will be intriguing to see how the rest of the season turns out.

### FHSU Sports Schedule Nov. 1 - Nov. 7

- Nov. 1 - Men's Soccer vs. Lindenwood
- Nov. 1 - Women's BB @ K-State (Ex.)
- Nov. 2 - Women's Soccer vs. Central Okla.
- Nov. 3 - Football vs. Central Missouri ... 2 p.m.
- Nov. 3 - Cross Country @ NCAA Central Regional
- Nov. 4 - Women's BB @ KU (Ex.)
- Nov. 6 - Volleyball @ Emporia State

Good luck Tigers!



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## Artist's Corner

# Q and A

with Abby Hammeke

Interview by Erica Stacey  
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Q: Where are you at in your education?  
A: I am a sophomore.

Q: What is your major?  
A: Music Performance for piano.

Q: Why did you pick that major?  
A: My family is very musical, which influenced me greatly. It is the biggest thing in my life right now and I love it. I can't see myself doing anything else with my life.

Q: How did you get started in music?  
A: My parents. They are both very musically involved. They always supported me, but they never forced it on me. And it rubbed off to my brothers too—they are both involved in music as well. Shout out to my dad's band "Second Nature" and my brothers' band "Homebrew."

Q: How long do you practice a day?  
A: Usually about two hours, but if I get about three in, it is fantastic.

Q: Do you write your own music?  
A: I play my own music but none of it is written down on paper. So it changes each time I play it.

Q: You were involved in the summer musical production of "Oklahoma" here in Hays. What was that like?  
A: That was a new experience. It was fantastic – I loved being a part of that. There were wonderful singers in the production, so that made it all the more fun.

Q: How many productions have you been in?  
A: Oh boy. Not really any, except for "Oklahoma"—that was my starting point. I have accompanied people over the last year in their recitals and I did perform at my high school Variety Show. I sing in the concert choir as well here at Fort Hays.

Q: How do you like being involved in the choir?  
A: I love it. We held our first concert Oct. 26. There was a very good

turn out, a lot of good songs.  
Our next concert is called the CAT concert in Victoria. It's a huge Christmas song production with groups from the surrounding area coming in to perform on Dec. 9. If you want some great Christmas music, you should come out for that.

Q: What are you involved in on campus?  
A: SAI – Sigma Alpha Iota, a women's music fraternity dedicated to spreading knowledge of music throughout the community.  
We made our first debut at Oktoberfest selling kuchen. It was great. I am also getting started on giving piano lessons to beginner to intermediate players. I have an ad on NexTech Classifieds under "Specialized Services" if anyone needs a teacher.

Q: What is your dream job?  
A: To be a studio musician out in California. Right now I am looking at other colleges to get my master's at so I can

start teaching at a junior college.

Q: Why is that?  
A: I just like being able to listen to the music I played myself—having my music played back. It would be really fun to sit down and have them record it and edit it into a track. My ultimate dream job would be to play some tracks for Disney. I would be all over that.

Q: What is your favorite kind of food?  
A: Italian. Love me some good Italian food.

Q: If you could invent anything, what would you make?  
A: This might already be out there, but if I could make a pedal where you can switch the pages with your foot while you are playing music, I think

that would be awesome. When you are playing ten pages of music, flipping pages isn't much fun.

Q: Do you have any heroes in your field?  
A: I love Billy Joel and Elton John's music especially. Right now a huge source of inspiration for me is Dr. Ravitskaya. She knows all and the way she teaches me is amazing. She is an irreplaceable member the faculty here at Fort Hays.

Q: What is your favorite kind of music?  
A: I like '60s to early '80s rock music and jazz music.

Q: What is your favorite piece of piano music?  
A: I've been working on a piece: Jon Schmidt's "All of Me." When I get finished learning, it will

be very fun to play. All time favorite piano piece would have to be "Bumble Boogie" — like a jazzed up version of "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Nikolai Rimsky-Koraskov.

Q: What is your favorite Halloween movie?  
A: I don't know if I really have one. Scary movies really do scare me. I don't do scary movies.

Q: If you could go back in time, what would you do differently in your life?  
A: I would start piano lessons earlier. I started really late. I am doing okay now, but I keep thinking, "What if I had started earlier? Would I have been a lot better?" But then again, I might not have liked it if I had been forced into it earlier. That is probably my biggest regret to date.

## Editors divulge greatest fears

### Eric Bader

My greatest fear is raccoons. Don't get me wrong: I love most mammals. I have seven pictures of cats hanging above my desk. But there's something about raccoons that really disturbs me.  
I think it might be their eyes. Have you ever driven past one at night? The way that headlights gleam on their creepy little glowing eyes makes them look like demons from hell. Not to mention they emerge from sewers like horrible plague rats.  
Or maybe it's their gait. They walk like off-kilter cats. Actually, when you see one, you think, "Oh, a cute little kitty that will definitely not harm me." Nope. It's a grotesque parody of animal life.

Actually, it's definitely the hands. Raccoons

have people-hands. They have skinny little human fingers that they use to grasp things like food. Or your face. Or possibly weaponry.  
Do you know what raccoons eat? Oh, you know. Carrion. Like vultures. Little rodent vultures. They eat trash, too. They use their little spindly people-hands to open your trash cans and dig through your personal effects. That's how they learn about you, so they know how best to upset you in the future.  
The worst thing about raccoons is that they're nocturnal. They only come out under the cover of darkness. I don't know what they do at night. I don't want to know. Raccoons are the worst.

### Molly Walter

I am proud to say I

have exchanged my greatest fear of longboarders for a much more logical fear: the Freemont Troll. If you don't know who the Freemont Troll is, you're fortunate. He creeps out from under Aurora Bridge in Seattle, luring tourists into his grip.  
Tourists think the Troll is a just sculpture, an inanimate object. They're wrong. It's the perfect disguise. No one suspects that he's a living, breathing troll that captures tourists and hides them in his under-the-bridge chasm. I don't know what he does with them in there, but I don't want to find out.

People don't just go missing. No, the Freemont Troll takes them. And he doesn't just take people. If you're wondering where your missing cat is – she's under Aurora Bridge. Trolls need pets too. I swear I heard a cat meowing when I visited.  
You don't think the Troll can come all the way out to Kansas to capture your cat? He's a troll. He can do whatever he wants. We have no idea what he's capable of. He pulled a Volkswagen Beetle off the road, and it's still in his grips as a warning. And people think it's merely a sculptural element. Ha.  
I'm not crazy. He has a hubcap for an eye. That can never mean good news.

## Fourth 'Paranormal Activity' fails to frighten

### Taylor Lunsford

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

#### REVIEW

It has happened. The target audience has outgrown the "Paranormal Activity" series. After releasing three moderately scary films over the past few years, the fourth entry was released this month and disappointed fans everywhere.

"Paranormal Activity 4" features a new family in the series that is forced to taken in a young boy when his mother takes ill. They experience bizarre events and decide to film the occurrences.

The series has taken a turn in the wrong direction. While the first three films offered original ideas and decent scares, the newest film in the series has none of the above. It is much more

laughable than scary and falls into the cliched category of terrible horror sequel.

There is nothing more annoying in horror films that watching the writers set up potential scares early in the film and not utilize them when they are needed. "Paranormal Activity 4" is full of moments like this, and it is due to lazy screenwriting and a rushed release date. By releasing a new film every year, the screenwriters diverge into cheap scares and a disastrous plot.

The only redeeming quality of this film is the performance of the lead actress, who performs in a believable manner and makes the film watchable.

Other than that, "Paranormal Activity 4" has zero redeeming qualities. The only scary moment happens in the last 30

seconds of the film, and most of the audience is too bored to care what is going on by that point. It fails to set up any of the suspense the early films developed, and the ending comes out of nowhere.

Only diehard fans will appreciate this film, most likely because they will think they sat through a scary movie. Do not waste your money seeing this in theaters or buying it when it is released on home video. If you see one horror film this Halloween season, go see "Sinister." I stated last week that "Sinister" makes "Paranormal Activity" look like a weak episode of "Sesame Street," and that statement is even more true now that I have seen "Paranormal Activity 4."

Anyone who takes the time to sit through this film will regret it. Avoid this film at all cost.



Courtney Riggle/Leader

## Vocal music madness

Ivalah Allen sings during her faculty recital Sunday afternoon in Felten-Start Theatre. Allen, an instructor of vocal music, is in her second year at Fort Hays State University.

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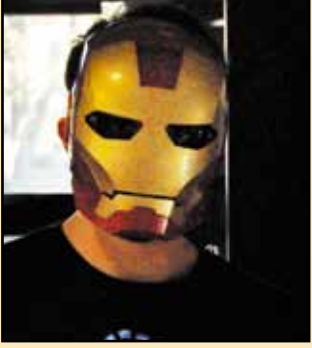
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What's your favorite Halloween candy?



"Crunch bars."  
Orlando Garcia, senior



"Reeses."  
Emma Moser, junior

"Wonka candy. Anything Wonka makes."

Korby Boswell, junior

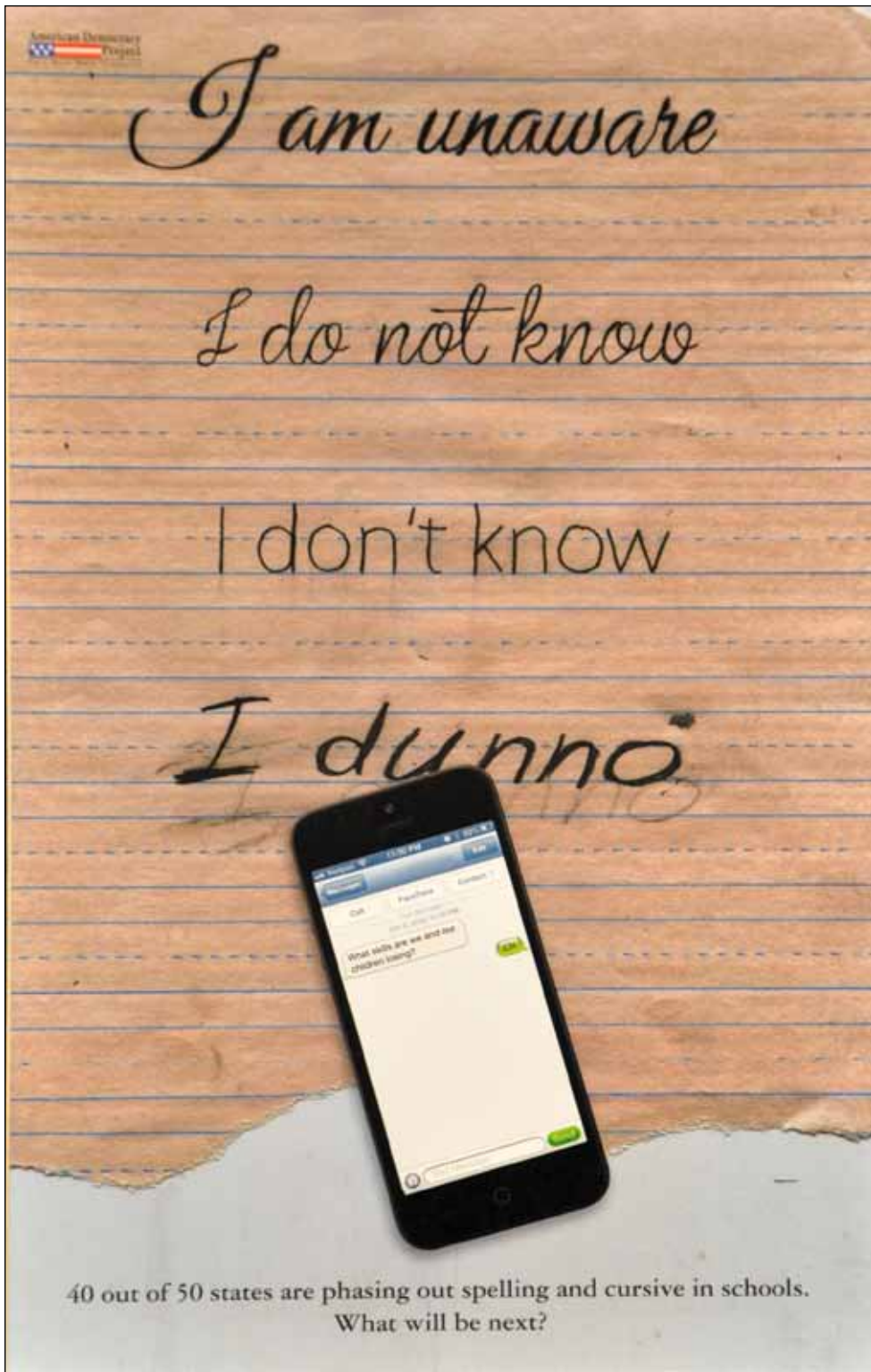


"Mary Janes. They're peanut butter kisses."

Amory Miller, junior

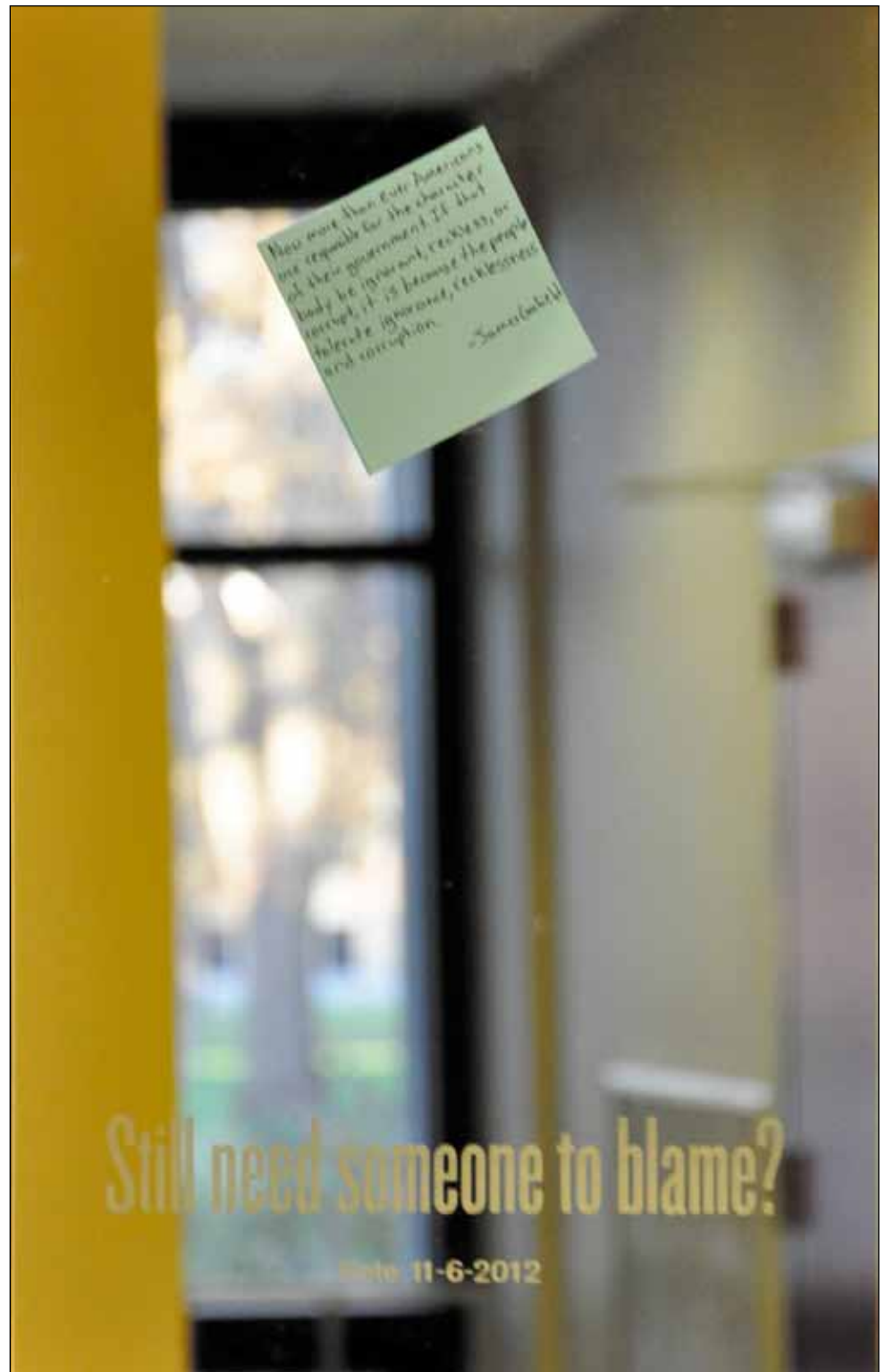


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