

11-21-2013

University Leader, November 21, 2013

University Leader Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholars.fhsu.edu/university_leader

Content Disclaimer

The primary source materials contained in the Fort Hays State University Special Collections and Archives have been placed there for research purposes, preservation of the historical record, and as reflections of a past belonging to all members of society. Because this material reflects the expressions of an ongoing culture, some items in the collections may be sensitive in nature and may not represent the attitudes, beliefs, or ideas of their creators, persons named in the collections, or the position of Fort Hays State University.

Recommended Citation

University Leader Staff, "University Leader, November 21, 2013" (2013). *University Leader Archive*. 839. https://scholars.fhsu.edu/university_leader/839

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Experience Collections at FHSU Scholars Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in University Leader Archive by an authorized administrator of FHSU Scholars Repository. For more information, please contact ScholarsRepository@fhsu.edu.

The University of Nevada



Men's
Basketball
of
MIAA
PRESEASON POLL

PRESIDENT
HAMMOND
ANNOUNCES
RETIREMENT

A paper for an increasingly visual world

**Tyler Parks
Tiger Media Network**

We live in a visual world; people seem to be more concerned with what is on their phone's screen than what is going on in the world around them. We crave visual stimulation.

If current trends continue, my generation will most likely see the end of print publications or publications that print on a limited basis. As I watch newspapers across the country close their doors, restructure or sell to rival news organizations I can't help but wonder if they had tried to adapt rather than fight the rising trends if they would have survived.

Most publications post

their articles or even their entire publication online for consumers to digest in a way they are more comfortable with: through a screen. This is slowly killing print editions. Maybe the death of print is inevitable or maybe it just needs a new direction.

At T.M.N. we are committed to looking at print differently. The old way isn't working; I don't believe we need to throw the baby out with the bath water. We just need new bath water, metaphorically speaking.

It is our goal to produce a product that fits our audience rather than sticking with the model that was designed for the previous generations. A model that focuses on visual

stimulation and content that is short and direct. We are striving to get students picking up print editions again.

Maybe I am the anomaly and my generation has no interest in reading a print publication, but I believe it is worth the fighting to save an industry and bring the current generation back to print.

I am the only member of the Leader that crossed over to the convergent media model Fort Hays State University is trying to implement. Each member of the previous staff had their reason for not joining T.M.N., my reason for joining was for the chance to do something no one else is doing, build a product to suit the current generation. I did it for

the challenge.

All of us at T.M.N. are here because what we are doing is unique, not only unique to universities, but unique to the media industry as a whole. Very few professional media outlets are attempting to do what we are doing.

This idea of a news station reaching an audience from every modality is a new and untested venture that doesn't succeed without testing the waters and finding the most efficient and effective way to deliver content. We are trying new things and are bound to make some mistakes along the way.

These mistakes are crucial for finding the best way to disseminate media content. It is

a hit and miss approach; some things will work right away while others might take a little more time.

Trough this transition to a convergent media source we have kept the Leader name that has been in place since 1908 and has lasted through the university's six name changes.

The name is the only thing that has stayed the same. We have completely redesigned everything, including a more compact size.

As we look back at the Leaders of the past we saw changes over time, but not to the degree we have changed it. We welcome all critiques and suggestion of what students would like to see. After all this is their publication.



1908



1941



1974



1984



2007



TODAY

• Vol. 109 • Issue 2 • The University LEADER

Senior Staff 2013

News Producer

James Bell

Sports Producer

Nick Budd

Video Producer

Adam Kee

Audio Producer

Stephen Anderson

Advisors

Larry Dreiling

Linn Ann Huntington

Scott Robson

Ron Rohlf

Stephen Schleicher

Contact Us

Office

600 Park St.

Center for

Media Studies

Rm. 116

Hays, KS 67601

Phone

(785) 628-4428

Web

tmn.fhsu.edu

Email

tmn@fhsu.edu

Publication No. 51990

© 2013 Tiger Media Network

Table of Contents

Opinions	4
News	7
Arts & Community	9
Sports	14

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



7 Writing Center - The FHSU Writing Center helps students find their voice. The Writing Center is located on the main floor of Forsyth Library.

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



10 Residential Life - With an engendered new staff, Residential Life continues to improve the quality of living on campus.

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



16 Women's Basketball - The Lady Tigers start the season 2-0. They are averaging 101.5 points a game through the first two contests.

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



19 Football - The Tigers blowout Nebraska-Kearney 56-17 on senior day. The team finished 6-5 on the season.

No debt: the way to go

Molly Walter
Tiger Media Network

I set a goal for myself before I started college to graduate debt-free. I'm proud to say that four years later, I've accomplished that goal. My graduation is quickly approaching in December, and I don't have an ounce of debt. How? Definitely not by taking out student loans.

Student loans suck the money out of almost every college graduate. Students take out loans like it's no big deal, not realizing how much money they're accumulating every year. And it doesn't help that they aren't faced without paying them back till after graduation.

In the end, all those loans knock on your front door saying, "Pay me, pay me." And the longer you take to pay them off, the more interest they acquire and the more money you have to pay.

I know paying for college without student loans isn't easy, seeing as how college is so expensive, and on top of tuition, there are books, supplies and living expenses. But there are other ways to pay for college besides using student loans.

Scholarships are a great way to gain some extra money. I was lucky enough my freshman year to have enough scholarships to cover all of my college and living expenses because as a senior in high school I applied for scholarships like it was my job.

There are several websites that literally hand you scholarships that fit your criteria, like Zinch. Fort Hays even has tons of scholarships to apply for. All you have to do is fill your cart with scholarships, fill out

one form and you're done. Easy. And you have a good chance of getting at least one, especially if you keep your grades up.

Don't stop filling out scholarship applications. Just because you're a junior doesn't mean you can't still receive some. It's always worth a shot. Free money is free money.

Fill out your FAFSA. I fill out my FAFSA every year, and every year I am "awarded" thousands of dollars in student loans. Thousands. I deny them. But I'm also awarded grants. Grants are wonderful because you don't have to pay them back. And luckily, I come from a low-income family, so I get a good sum of money. Chances are, you'll get some amount of money in a grant. Accept it. More free money.

Get a job. Don't take out a loan so you don't have to have a job. That's silly. I can understand not working freshman year – it's a tough transition. But if you're anything but a freshman, there's no reason you shouldn't have a job. I have worked multiple jobs all through college and still had a social life. It can be done.

Save your money. Work full time during the summer and save your money. What else are you going to do? You'd be surprised how much money you can save up even if you just save 10%.

If spending money is an issue for you, make a budget. Save a certain percent of your money, set aside some for gas and food, some for spending and, of course, your living expenses.

If you absolutely need a loan, don't take out the full amount. You probably don't need \$10,000 for one year. Only take out what you absolutely need.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to graduate debt-free. Debt is not a pretty thing, and it doesn't just go away,

especially student loans. You may not be facing the horrors they pose now, but once you graduate, you will.

Don't be the one at your 30-year school reunion saying, "Oh, I'm still paying off all those darned student loans."



Pictured: Kelsey McKellips

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |

Tiger Media Network provides challenges and opportunities

Nicole Elwood Tiger Media Network

As Fort Hays State University is growing, a department within is slowly going downhill because of the lack of help and workers. Tiger Media Network, a convergence of The University Leader, KFHS TV and Radio and web, embraces the idea of media, which is great for FHSU. The world today is one of media convergence, and FHSU is world ready.

As the ideas are getting bigger, the staff is getting smaller and the students within T.M.N. keep getting more work piled up on top of classwork. The fact remains that outside of T.M.N., we are still full time students.

With this, as my first opinion article, I want to write something that would have an

impact not only for myself, but for everyone here on campus. I want to let everyone know that here at T.M.N. we work hard for a price whether it be lack of sleep, falling behind on school work, or working so many hours that we cannot put time down and get paid for what work we have done.

I started working for KFHS in the Fall of 2011, and since then I have changed my major from Nursing to Media Studies in hope that I will make it as a radio personality or work in TV Broadcasting. I have done everything from camera work to audio and video editing.

This fall when KFHS converted to T.M.N., I was hired to be director of all of the television shows we produce here on campus such as Talking Democracy and KFHS News. When I'm not directing shows, I do camera work for sports.

I even produce and do audio for Student Government Association Live.

I go out of my way to have my own radio show during the week called the Afternoon Aftershock, which I do throughout the week except Thursdays

Thursdays are a perfect example of what I go through regularly: I set up for SGA from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., then run back to direct T.M.N. News Live, and then run back to film SGA. After filming SGA, I have to post it on the internet which doesn't finish uploading until midnight.

I know it does not sound like a lot of work, but for those who have never worked in media, it can be overwhelming. A studio show usually takes about an hour and a half plus time for editing. For sports programs or SGA where there is

not a studio set, the crew takes the equipment to the event place and the set up time usually takes about an hour and a half.

After set up is done, there is a little break in between where we wait until the event starts. After the event is over, tear down usually takes about 30 minutes, and we take the equipment back to the station, put it away, and are done for the night.

For shows like SGA that do not need editing but needs to be put on YouTube they need to be converted for it to be uploaded to YouTube and the time it takes to upload usually depends on how long the event went on. For example, if the event ran for an hour, then converting will take about an hour and a half.

After the converting is complete the 30 minute uploading to YouTube seems like no time at all.

I'm not complaining about the amount of work I do because I love every 30 plus hours I put in.

You can ask any media student that works at T.M.N. how many hours they work and chances are they are going to answer with 40. More than likely we will not get paid for all those hours either.

We do the extra work because we love it and because there are not enough people to divide the work load.

It would be nice for more people to join T.M.N. because it is growing more each day. Even if you are not a media student, it is a nice on campus job to have and we will teach you the skills to be successful at T.M.N. I was always told the more skills you know the better off you will be, so do yourself and us overworked students here at T.M.N. a favor and join today.



Pictured: Yasir Altayyar,
Abdulrahman Aldhateeri,
Haonan Han,
Nicole Elwood,
Saeed Alrufaidi,
Ching Li

Photo: James Bell | TMN |

Help Wanted

Open positions:

sports writers
news writers
ad sales

Get started now for
next year!

We will be looking for:

photographers, camera
operators, producers and
writers.

Guaranteed fifteen hours
each week.

If you are interested in
joining the T.M.N. team
contact:

Ron Rohlf
email: rcrohlf@fhsu.edu

TV just got a whole lot smarter.



Watch these networks on your laptop.

Watch sports, news, movies, popular series, and so much more on your laptop anywhere on the FHSU campus.

With Eagle²Go *powered by Philo*, all students living on campus have access to their favorite shows right on their laptop plus 10 hours of DVR recording in the cloud.

And it's all FREE!

Just go to Eagle²Go.com while on campus and login with your TigerTracks ID.

Watch Eagle²Go and see your TV IQ break the bell curve.



www.eagle²go.com



Pictured: A student works with tutor Emily Minter, Olathe junior



Pictured: Emily Minter, Kaci Furgeson, Rachal Cotheman, Katie Stolz, Kelsey Abendroth, Samantha MacFarlane, Jacint Carter, Zach Walker, Lisa Jones

CRAFTING THE WRITTEN WORD

Photos: Michael Lee | TMN |

James Bell Tiger Media Network

For many students, the Fort Hays State University Writing Center provides much needed assistance to what is one of the most important aspects of college - getting ideas into a written form. This year, the Writing Center has seen some substantial changes and more are on the way.

The most noticeable change for the center is a physical one. It moved from the basement of Forsyth Library to a spot on the main floor, but there has been a general increase in the Center's usage for FHSU students and faculty. The Center provides a variety

of services to students, free of charge, on any piece of writing.

"We can help with brainstorming, prewriting, drafting, style formatting, documenting citations, editing and generally discussing common errors in your writing and coming up with strategies to improve your writing," said Lisa Jones, the Graduate Teaching Assistant of English, who works in the Center. Jones will move into a Graduate Assistant position in the Center next semester.

Jones does individual student tutoring, student and employee scheduling, and next semester she will begin focusing on the workshops and

other changes in operations at the Center.

As the center becomes more known across the campus, the amount of students using it has also increased dramatically.

"Everyone at the university utilizes the Writing Center. Each week we see undergraduate and graduate students, helping them with anything from essays to resumes. We also consult with instructors if they have questions about specific writing styles or more generally the services offered by the Writing Center and online resources for students," Jones said.

"The greatest challenge

we have encountered this semester has been the increase in demand. Since we moved upstairs in the library, we have helped many more students than last fall. We had to increase the number of hours that the tutors worked to help accommodate the students, and we are still booking-up three to five days in advance."

While the center has been running on all cylinders already, there are still more plans in the works to offer more services.

"Next semester we will begin offering weekly 'Grammar Crash Courses.' These will be group workshops that focus on a different grammatical concern

each week. One week, for example, we will focus on commas, and the next will be focused on semicolons. Also, we are trying to move the scheduling system and student resources online to make it easier for students to schedule appointments and access writing resources while away from campus," Jones said.

As these changes occur, they can be found on the Writing Center Facebook page.

The Center has a staff of 10 tutors working anywhere from six to 20 hours each week, focusing on tutoring individual students and continuing to develop their own writing skills to best serve the university.

Fort Hays: Global friend in education

FHSU to offer degrees in Jordan



James Bell
Tiger Media Network

In a move to expand Fort Hays State University, a memorandum of understanding was signed earlier this month by Dr. Edward Hammond, FHSU president, and Salah Abu Osbeh of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University in Amman, Jordan, establishing the framework for an agreement whereby 10 FHSU online degree programs and three certificates will be delivered through the Virtual College.

The programs will be marketed to potential students in Jordan and Bahrain.

“This agreement represents an initial venture into the Middle East market,” Hammond said. “One anticipated benefit will be for students located in

the Middle East to engage with U.S. students and professors within the courses offered in these programs to achieve the benefits of internationalization of the curriculum.”

This venture into the region, in the vein of the expansion into mainland China, stems from recommendations from an external consultant that suggested the partnership with FHSU.

“I hope we see some students in the virtual college from the region,” said Tim Crowley, dean of the FHSU Graduate School and assistant provost for internationalization. “It’s kind of an experiment, how well the Fort Hays brand name is received.”

While the results are yet to be seen, the consultant “recommended this institution

as a primary player...as the one to approach,” Crowley said.

TAGIUNI “partners with leading international education institutions to deliver accredited, world-class education to a global student body. TAGIUNI began securing partnerships in mid-2012.”

FHSU is not new to international partnerships either.

This semester FHSU has 3,589 students at partner universities in China and 4,975 enrolled in the FHSU Virtual College. International expansion and Virtual College enrollment has been a large part of Hammond’s vision for FHSU.

While there has been a focus on international expansion, Hammond has stated that the quality of education, and more importantly the price

of an FHSU degree, is still a focus for the university.

“There is a misconception, probably due to the growth of our Virtual College, that we are serving fewer Kansans,” Hammond said. “As this fall’s enrollment numbers show, that is not true. The total of Kansans is 6,745 compared to 6,441 last fall, which is an increase of 304 in-state students. Over the past five years, our growth in serving Kansans has been almost 20 percent, while three of the other Regents universities served significantly fewer Kansans.”

The agreement set up an array of programs available: “Five master’s concentrations within the Master of Professional Studies degree program will be delivered: Cybersecurity, Information

Assurance Management, Computer Networking, Web Development and Public Health Administration. Five bachelor’s degree programs will be delivered: Bachelor of Science in Tourism and Hospitality Management, Organizational Leadership, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. Graduate certificate programs in Human Resource Management, Organizational Leadership and Tourism and Hospitality Leadership will also be delivered. All the programs under the scope of the agreement will be delivered through the Virtual College in an online asynchronous delivery format.”

More information about the school can be found at www.tagiuni.com.

IT'S SHOWTIME ON THE FHSU CAMPUS

Encore Series events

BEACH/SCHMIDT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Grant Rahjes Tiger Media Network

Musicals, dramas, solo artists and choirs have lit up and continue to dazzle the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center at Fort Hays State University this year as the Encore Series began its 2013 schedule.

Since its inaugural season in 1981, the Encore Series has brought many award-winning and renowned artists and performers to campus.

The Encore Series is a schedule of performing arts which is arranged by the FHSU Special Events Committee. This year, the Encore Series will continue to bring shows to entertain the FHSU campus and regional community.

The season kicked off with a performance from "The Broadway Boys" on Oct. 15. "The Broadway Boys" are a collaboration of the most popular voices from Broadway, touring across the county to mesmerize audiences. Their performance included an evening of classic songs "reinvented with high-voiced harmony, melisma and energy".

"The Broadway Boys" show also marked the 250th Encore performance. The event was sponsored by the Best Western Butterfield Inn.

On October 29, an adaptation of Ray Bradbury's classic novel "Fahrenheit 451" was performed. The story is set in a dystopian future. It follows Guy Montag, a fireman whose job requires him to set to burn books. Through a series of interactions with neighbors and situations, Montag begins to question his life and the society in which he lives.

This year's Encore Series also featured a special performance of the Vienna Boys Choir on Nov. 12. The show was the only off-season event of the year. The Vienna Boys Choir "continues to delight music-lovers across the globe with their purity of tone, distinctive charm and a diverse, crowd pleasing repertoire of timeless music with a universal popular appeal that includes classical masterpieces, beloved pop songs, holiday favorites and medieval chant."

The event was sponsored by Todd and Andrea Sandoval on behalf of The Humane

Society of the High Plains.

The next Encore event, "Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig In Eirinn," is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10, and will be the last show until after New Year's Day. Danu, the award-winning musical ensemble from Ireland, will be presenting the show to the FHSU audience, using songs, dances and the Irish Christmas-time cheer. The performance is sponsored by the FHSU Foundation.

The rest of the Encore Series season will consist of "The Addams Family," "Jamiee Paul In At Last," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Step Afrika!" and "Memphis".

"The Addams Family" is a musical comedy based on the popular television show. On Feb. 16. Wednesday Addams will introduce her family to her "normal" boyfriend. The events that unfold are sure to delight and entice audiences of all kinds.

The performance is sponsored by the Cedar Lodge Dental Group in Hays. Tickets for this show go on sale Jan. 13.

Musician Jamiee Paul, will

perform "At Last," which pays tribute to some of the greatest singers of the 1940s and 1950s such as Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Rosemary Clooney. The Encore Series press release praises, "Jamiee Paul who will certainly take you back to the glory days of yesteryear." Her performance is set Tuesday, Feb. 25. Tickets for this show go on sale Jan. 13.

The next show scheduled is "H.M.S. Pinafore" on March 25. Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic opera will have actors and performers singing and dancing across the deck of the naval vessel, mocking Victorian class distinctions and having fun along the way. The show promotes a message of, "All aboard for fun, music and laughter." Tickets go on sale Feb. 24.

"Step Afrika!" arrives at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on April 12. The dance group promotes understanding and appreciation of the dance style of stepping and its traditions. Members who perform use the art of stepping in educational settings, "espousing themes

such as teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding." The group's website describes stepping as a musical form using movement, words and sound. Tickets for this show will go on sale March 10.

Encore presents the popular Broadway musical "Memphis" on Wednesday, April 23. "Memphis" is a Broadway musical based on a story from underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tenn.

The story involves a "DJ who wants to change the world and a club singer who is ready for her big break." According to the musical's website, "mesmerizing dances, tales of fame and forbidden love culminate to create the experience that is 'Memphis.'" The performance is sponsored by Chartwells. Tickets go on sale March 24.

For more information about the Encore Series or to purchase tickets, visit the website at www.fhsu.edu/encore, visit with the Special Events Committee in the Memorial Union at the Center for Student Involvement or call 785-628-5308.



Residential life continues to make improvements

Tyler Parks
Tiger Media Network

All incoming freshman are required to stay on campus their first year at Fort Hays State University. For some this is an opportunity to get to know other students and transition into living on their own for the first time, for others it can be an overwhelming change.

The current staff at Residential Life is doing everything they can to make the transition from living at home to living at college an easy one.

After serving as assistant director of residential life for four years, Rebecca Peterson took the leading role as director of residential life on Oct. 14, adding youth and a new perspective to job. Five minutes with Peterson and her passion for improving the quality of life for the students living on campus is unquestionable and she has wasted no time making an

impact.

“The whole drive in this office, starting with Becky, is to bring residential life into the 21st century,” Paulette Harp said. Harp is the administrative assistant to residential life and has been working with them since June 2006, the longest active employee at residential life.

“We are so lucky to have Becky, she knew all the problems we have had in the last few years, so she has been able to walk right in and start with her vision,” Harp said.

Peterson has brought a new attitude to residential life, one that focuses on communication and feedback from the students.

“There were people who were here for awhile that knew how things ran and now we are all relatively new and trying to make things better and communicate with our students more,” Peterson said.

“I think there has been a lot of forward momentum in the department. I think there

is so much positive energy that people get excited about making things better and building on the successes that we’ve had,” Peterson said.

The McMIndes cafeteria has also seen recent renovations in 2010 and 2011 that has added to the overall aesthetics and functionality of the campus’s lone dining hall.

Even with the recent renovations Chartwells, the campus dining service failed a health inspection by the Kansas Department of Agriculture in Sept., receiving four priority violations, the most severe that the department issues, and one priority foundation violation.

“We partner with Chartwells, so if there are things we can do we definitely help out as much as we can because our students eat there. A student doesn’t view housing and dining as something different. They see living here and eating here as the same thing, so it is our job to support Chartwells and

help them be as successful as possible,” Peterson said.

Inspections of this kind are done annually, but this one was performed due to a complaint that was issued against Chartwells.

With the addition of Agnew Hall and Heather Hall in 2012 and 2013, respectively the option for newer suite-style dorms is now available to more students.

These new residential halls have added an additional space for 235 students, a much needed addition after students were being housed in local motels after the original Agnew was torn down in 2010.

“I really see and I think our staff really sees the students as part of the process. I don’t want to make decision in a vacuum. They are just as much a part of this as I am, they’re the ones that are living here and spending their time and energy here,” Peterson said.

In addition to the new residential halls the old

ones are also seeing drastic changes. The lobbies on each floor of McMIndes have received new furniture and plans are in place to add kitchenettes to floors four and six, giving each floor its own kitchenette.

McMIndes has also converted the original community style bathrooms into suites of private shower and toilet rooms. Because of the high levels of occupancy, many meeting and study rooms have been converted to student rooms, resulting in a deficiency of common areas for study and socializing. McMIndes has countered that by renovating 2R, adding pool tables and other games making better use of the additional space making it more appealing and student friendly.

Weist has changed what was previously the Red Room to a multi-media center at the student’s request. Additional plans for updating Weist also includes redesigning the student lobbies.

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |

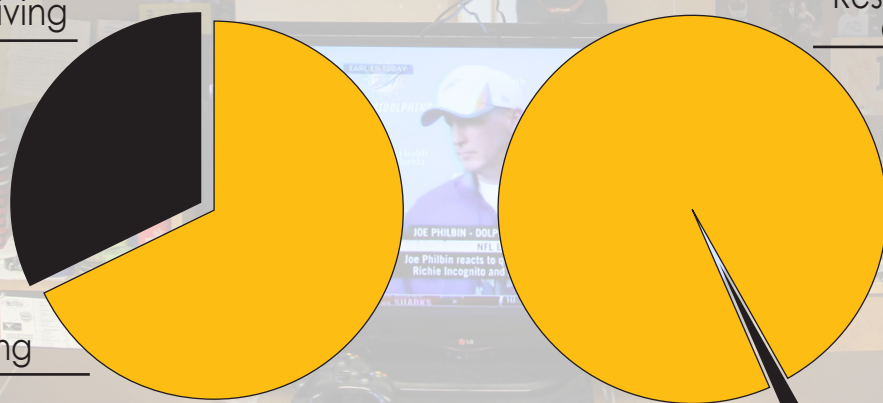
1533 students living on campus

3234 students living off campus

4767 total students on campus

Residential halls are at 98% capacity

23 available spots on campus



“ I’m committed to residential life, I’m committed to the students in the halls. I think everyone on our team is on board. There is so much positive energy. ”

- **Rebecca Peterson**,
Director of Residential Life

Wooster has added a television to its laundry room and plan to add furniture as well. Stairwells throughout Wooster are being replaced.

With incoming classes continuing to grow, space is still an issue. Custer Hall, which usually houses KAMS students, has housed freshman males on its second floor. At the beginning of the semester residential life offered discounts to anyone willing to volunteer to live three to a

room to conserve space and has been able to since move students out of that situation.

The FHSU master plan does include more housing to be built on the west side of campus near the Robbins Center, but that is still years away from being started.

Campus has a maximum capacity of 1556 students and there are currently 1533 living on campus. As the enrollment numbers continue to rise so will the need for additional housing on campus.

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



English department names first Goss Distinguished Professor

**Tyler Parks
Tiger Media Network**

The English Department at Fort Hays State University has named Carol Poster as its first Goss Distinguished Professor of Excellence in Teaching.

The Goss Distinguished Professor is a newly endowed professorship that has allowed the department to hire a professor to focus on digital writing for a world that is increasingly web based.

Poster has a diverse work background that includes: professional writing, programming and computer consulting and teaching. Her diverse occupational background gives her a unique and in-depth look at the ever-changing media field and its dissemination.

"I'm someone who has really combined careers as a working freelance writer and journalist with an academic career," Poster said.

After graduating with her bachelor's in Creative Writing and Theatre from Hollin's College, she began her career as a professional journalist.

She spent most of her time covering skiing in the Rockies of Utah until a fourth knee operation sidelined her.

"I decided jumping off of cliffs with 45 pounds of camera equipment in my backpack wasn't in the cards for me

anymore," Poster said.

That is when she decided to go back to school to get her master's degree.

"I was a practitioner first then I went back and did my academic degrees a lot it was filling in the theory and history behind stuff I had actually been doing out in the real world," Poster said.

Since 1990, Poster has been teaching, starting as a graduate instructor at Eastern Washington State while earning her M.F.A. in Creative Writing.

Poster got back into academia at the right time, as she was finishing up her doctorate, many universities across the country were starting up technical and professional writing programs and were needing people with professional journalism experience and a PhD.

There were plenty of people with real world experience, but didn't have the academic background or vice-versa. She was one of the few that had both, which made her the perfect candidate to help start these professional writing programs and helped launch her academic career.

In her first semester at FHSU she is currently teaching two sections of English Composition II and a World Literature course as most new faculty tend to do in their first

year.

Next semester she begins teaching professional editing and from there begins transitioning into teaching courses based around writing for diverse media outlets and teaching students to use their writing skills entrepreneurially.

"A lot of what I'm teaching is this whole idea of writing within the new economy and marketing yourself as a writer," Poster said.

She will then do what she has helped do many times before, set up a technical and professional writing program at FHSU.

"What I'm doing is working on developing a new curriculum, which means getting approval to teach new courses, to update the undergraduate writing concentration and creating a writing emphasis within the English M.A.," Poster said.

"It is a really good and diverse group of people. We are mixing in people who have a strong local sense with people who are involved in writing and teaching in a more globalized and international fashion," Poster said of FHSU's English department.

"I'm really enjoying [Hays]. I really like the sense of community and wonderful local natives," Poster said.



Enrollment Now Open for Spring Semester General Education Courses!

Visit: www.ncktc.edu or call 785-625-2437 for further details.

Home of the 29 Degree Beer! | Homemade soups daily!

Check out our website for daily specials on Food & drinks!

Proud supporter of FHSU,
Hays High, and TMP Athletics!



Stop in for the Big Game, shoot pool |
on one of our 6 pool tables, or show |
your skills on one of our arcade games!

Monday - Sunday 10 a.m. To 2 a.m.

NEED TO UPGRADE YOUR PACKAGE?



- Internet packages starting at just \$22.95*
- Download speeds up to 75 Mbps and 10 Mbps upload
- On-screen TV guide to easily find what's on next
- Access to Video on Demand library to easily rent the newest movie



Tired of slow Internet upload speeds and frustrated with outdated TV service? Upgrade your TV or Internet to Nex-Tech this holiday season and get your first

3 Months FREE!*

POWER OF **ONE**



PHONE



INTERNET



WIRELESS



TV



BUSINESS



► Visit www.nex-tech.com/savings
call **625-7070** or stop by **2418 Vine St.**

*Some restrictions apply. Three months free applies to Nex-Tech TV Premiere package, high-speed Internet service and Lightning Jack® accessories and local Phone service and calling features. Offer expires December 31, 2013.

Safe and Secure

A look at the annual safety walk

Grant Rahjes
Tiger Media Network

In mid-October, the Student Government Association, accompanied by University Police Chief Ed Howell, organized and participated in the annual Safety Walk around campus to inspect safety issues and concerns.

"I think the [Safety Walk] really opens the eyes of the

students and campus police to the topic of safety on campus," said SGA Campus Relations Chair Carolyn Campbell, Denver senior.

Students tested the University Police emergency kiosk telephones, noted poorly lit areas and discussed other ideas for campus safety. Throughout the inspection, students noticed multiple areas including Dwight Drive

where the sidewalk lights had yellowing, dim light bulbs. SGA representatives filed reports to replace and improve the lighting conditions. Participants also tested the police escort service, and shared new ideas with the police department to better improve the safety for individuals on campus.

SGA President Chris Roberts shared concerns about the emergency kiosk intercoms. "Some of [the kiosks] have not been in functioning order for the past several years," Roberts said, "and now more of [the intercoms] are not working either."

"Once we receive the [reports] and identify the safety issues, we send the reports to the maintenance department, who then immediately schedule the problems to be fixed," Howell said.

"We receive a copy of the reports [along with the University Police Department] and we then send them to the appropriate offices, who then take control to fix the issues," said Troy Steiner, Head Architect for Facilities Planning.

Although there were a multitude of problems noted by the Safety Walk participants, Steiner claims that the projects

have been finished or will be corrected in the future.

Howell said that there has been no crime on campus that might have been prevented had all of the notations from the walk had already been addressed. The kiosks, for example have never been used in an emergency situation during his tenure.

Even with working kiosks in an emergency situation, Howell said, most people will do what is habitual, which is reach for their cell phone, and that adds the benefit of allowing police to track the phones location, something a kiosk can't do.

GEOSCIENCE DEPARTMENT

CELEBRATE GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK WITH US!

THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REMAINING ACTIVITIES AS WE FINISH THIS WEEK OF CELEBRATING AND EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND US AND THE IMPACT OF GIS ON EACH OF OUR LIVES! WE HOPE YOU HAVE SEEN US AROUND CAMPUS AND IN THE DIGITAL WORLD AS WE PROVIDED YOU WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONTESTS, QUIZZES, ATTEND EXCITING PRESENTATIONS AND JOIN IN ON UNIQUE TOURS.

THERE ARE A FEW EVENTS YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE IN. PLEASE JOIN US AND END THE WEEK WITH A BANG.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
EXPLORE WHERE YOU ARE AND JOIN IN ON THE GEOCACHING EVENT. THIS IS A TREASURE HUNT TO SEE WHAT YOU KNOW RIGHT HERE IN HAYS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND:
12:30-130 PM GRAB SOME LUNCH AND COME JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY GEOGATHER EVENT. THIS WEEK OUR HOST WILL BE SHARING WITH YOU FABLES FROM YESTERDAY AND PLACES FAR AWAY.

7:00 AM CHECK OUT OUR TWITTER FEED @GEOROCKSFH-SU AND JOIN IN ON THE SEARCH FOR THE GEOGURU IN THE FIND ME FRIDAY CONTEST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND OTHERS HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES PLEASE VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE AT

WWW.FHSU.EDU/GEO

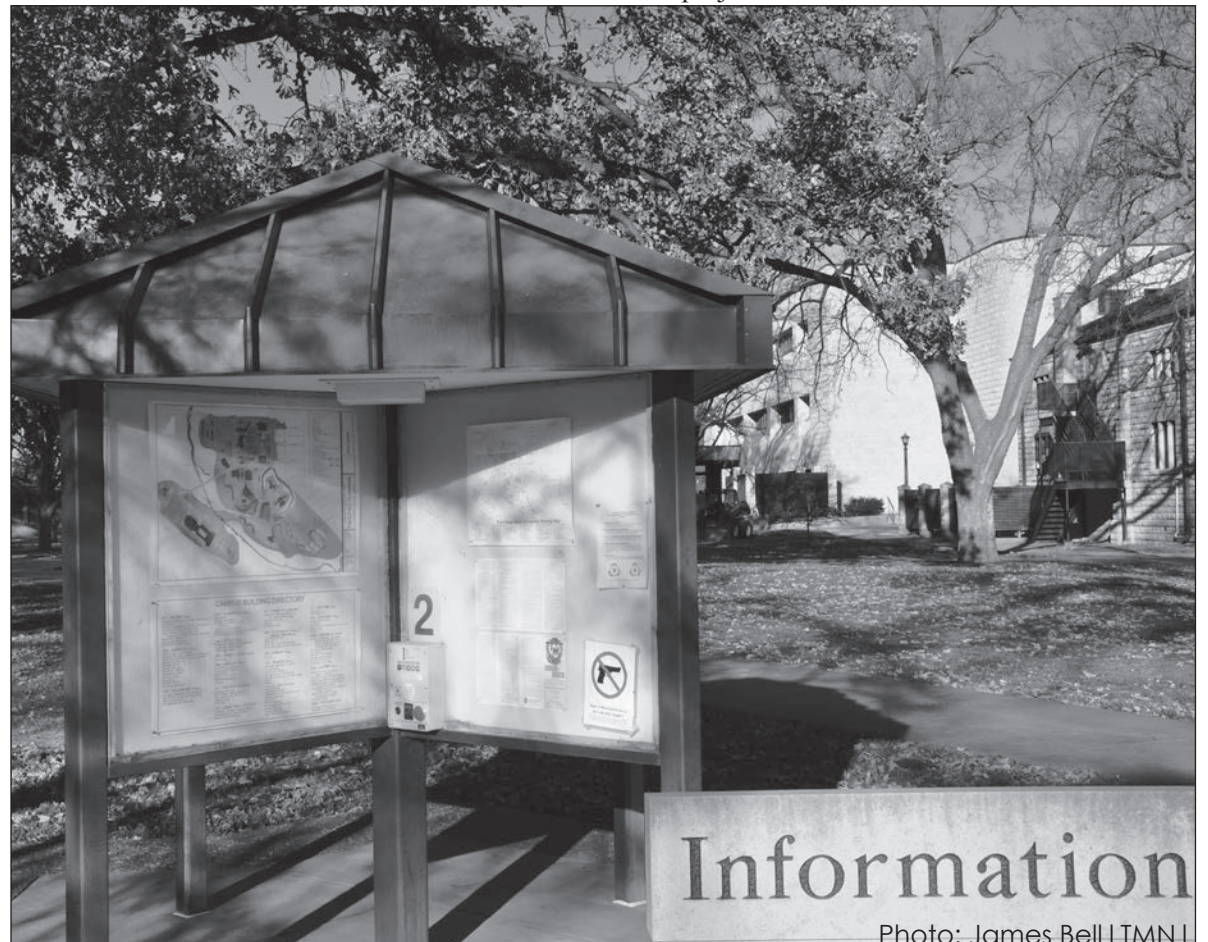


Photo: James Bell | TMN |

Seniors lead volleyball team to disappointing season

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |



<<< Jenna Ulrich
Luray junior

Tyler Parks Tiger Media Network

The Fort Hays State University women's volleyball team finished their season on Saturday, Nov. 16 with a loss in Warrensburg, Mo. against No. 5 Central Missouri. After a season of ups and downs, the Lady Tigers finish with a 14-19 record on the season.

The season started with high expectations with five starters returning, all of which had previously received MIAA honors. The season, however, started slow with nine straight losses before the Lady Tigers won 12 of their next 17 matches. The Lady Tigers then finished the season with two wins in their last nine matches.

Jenna Ulrich, Luray, senior, a four-year letterman at FHSU,

finished the season second in the MIAA with 143 blocks. Ulrich finished her career with 438 blocks for the Lady Tigers. She set the career block record at FHSU on Nov. 13 against Emporia State University. The previous record (431) was held by Jennifer Brandes, a recent inductee to the Tiger Sports Hall of Fame.

Makenzie Weinmann, Phillipsburg senior, led the team with 500 digs on the season, seventh among MIAA players. Weinmann, also a four-year letterman for FHSU, was coming off an All-MIAA Honorable Mention season last year.

This year's team was unable to capitalize on their plethora of experience finishing 11th out of the 12 teams in the MIAA conference.

Women's soccer underperforms in third year

James Bell Tiger Media Network

Fort Hays State University's Women's soccer suffered a bitter defeat 1-0 in its last game against Nebraska-Kearney on Friday Nov. 1. finishing the season with seven wins, eight losses, and three ties. In the Mid Intercontinental Athletic Association, the team ended 3-5-3.

Following Central Oklahoma's win earlier that day, the Lady Tigers failed to make the MIAA postseason, ending ninth in conference standings.

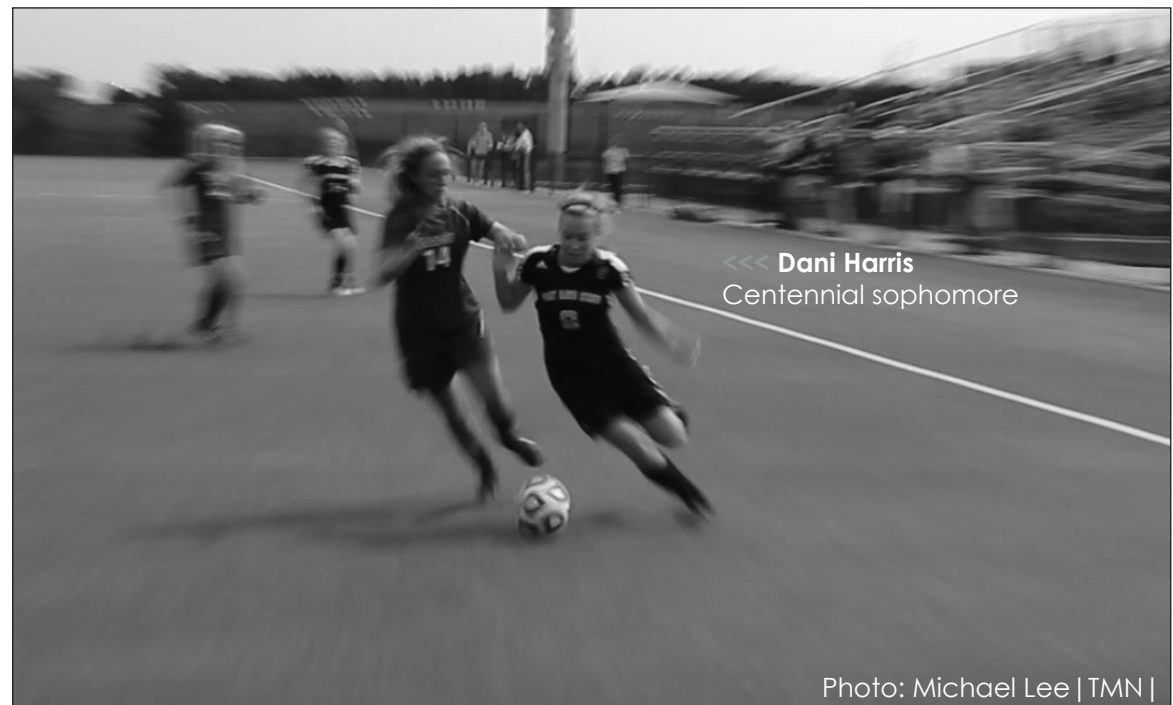
The Lady Tigers fired seven shots during the game and stopped all but one of the Lopers, until the final eight minutes of

regulation play. At 81:42 nailed a 30 yard shot giving the UNK Lopers the winning score.

Jordan Hester, Olathe sophomore, led the Tigers with three shots on the day, while Dani Harris, Amanda Talbott, Kylee Loneker and Margaret Meier each had one shot. Hester, Harris and Talbott put shots on goal in the game.

Earlier in the season head coach Craig Shaw said, "It's frustrating because we are so good. We've just got to relate our practices and talents to results and game play."

Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers never lived up to their talent. They had been billed as the MIAA's most talented team prior to the season starting.



<<< Dani Harris
Centennial sophomore

Photo: Michael Lee | TMN |

Ready to win big

Grant Rahjes Tiger Media Network

After an impressive 22-7 record last year, the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team is ready to continue their success into the 2013-2014 season. The preseason rankings showed the Tigers holding the 4th spot in both the MIAA Coaches and MIAA Media polls.

Head Coach Tony Dobson had some uplifting remarks heading into this season. "I think we should have a solid team, I mean... we have a lot of returning starters and some new, key additions," Dobson said. "We're going to have a tough season this year, but as far as our outlook goes, it's very positive."

The Tigers began their season on Nov. 4 as they faced the Creighton Bluejays in their only preseason exhibition game. The Tigers put up a

good fight, but eventually fell to the Bluejays by a score of 77-47. Junior Kate Lehman, senior Katelyn Edwards and sophomore Chelsea Mason all finished the game with double-digit scores.

The Tigers are 1-0 in the regular season, with a win in their season-opening game against the Northwestern Oklahoma State Rangers. The FHSU women's basketball team scored early and often in its 94-55 routing of the Rangers in Alva, Okla. The Tigers competed fiercely, with the box score showing the Tigers' skill in defense and scoring abilities.

After the season opening win at Northwestern Oklahoma State, the Tigers return to Gross Memorial Coliseum for their home opener against Oklahoma-Panhandle State on Saturday, Nov. 16, with tip-off slated at noon.

The Tigers' schedule this season has them going

up against the best that the MIAA has to offer. They will play five of the top six teams in the MIAA, with the Conference opener pitting them against the preseason MIAA top-ranked Central Missouri Mules on December 5th in Warrensburg, Mo.

The season is underway, and it is certainly going to be one to watch, as the Tigers are set to play against #6 Northeastern State on January 18th.

The MIAA Conference has a strong presence nationally, as the NCAA Central Region Top 10 rankings place Washburn ranked at #1, Central Missouri at #2, Northeastern State at #8, and Emporia State with the #10 spot.

The full schedule for the FHSU Women's Basketball team can be found on the FHSU Athletics website, www.fhsuathletics.com.

Kate Lehman >>>
Newton junior

<<< Chelsea Mason
Bellevue, Neb. sophomore

Katelyn Edwards >>>
Crete, Neb. senior

Mens Basketball starts season at top of MIAA poll

Nick Budd Tiger Media Network

After missing out on the NCAA tournament last season despite a 20-8 mark, the coaches in the MIAA have picked the men's basketball team at Fort Hays State University to finish at the top of the conference come the end of the regular season in March. They also picked up the top spot in the preseason media poll as well.

Sophomore Craig Nicholson and senior Dwayne Brunson are the only returners from the 2012-2013 starting lineup, but both guards bring back several accolades from last year. Nicholson was named

the MIAA freshman of the year, picked up 2nd team all-conference honors and was also named to the Division 2 bulletin all-freshman team. He was second in the nation in assists with a total of 192, which also broke the FHSU single season record.

Brunson returns as last year's leading scorer on the team with an average of 14.9 points per game. He picked up all-MIAA first team honors last year in his junior season after transferring to FHSU from Barton County Community College.

"Both those guys (Nicholson and Brunson) were all-conference players last season, so

we're going to rely heavily on them" said Head coach Mark Johnson.

Johnson returns to the FHSU bench as head coach for his 13th season with the team. Johnson picked up MIAA Coach of the Year honors last season after leading the tigers to their seventh 20 win season under his watch. He enters the season with 246 wins, just nine wins shy of the school record which is currently held by Cade Suren. Suren picked up 257 wins during his 18 years at the school.

The Tigers also bring back several key players that contributed significant efforts off of the bench. After contribut-

ing significant minutes off of the bench, senior guard Carson Konrade will see significant time as a starter this season. Konrade averaged 24 minutes a game last season and put up an average of 9.6 points a game.

FHSU will also rely on a variety of newcomers this year. One of Johnson key recruits in the offseason is junior guard James Fleming. Fleming transferred from Fort Scott Community College where he averaged just over 14 points a game last season for the greyhounds. Fleming has already made an impact for the Tigers with an average of just over 10 points in the Tigers first three games. Fleming also contributed 22

points for the Tigers in their exhibition game against Bethel.

FHSU began its season with two exhibition contests against Bethel College and the University of Kansas. In the game against Bethel, the Tigers shut down the Threshers soundly 94-68. Along with Fleming's 22-point contribution, Jared Tadlock and Dwayne Brunson also had significant performances for the Tigers. Tadlock finished the game with 19 points and six rebounds. He also finished the night with a perfect shooting percentage, going 7-7 on the night. Brunson completed the night with 11 points and three rebounds.

After the victory over Bethel, the Tigers traveled to Lawrence, for their final exhibition contest of the year against the Jayhawks. Despite losing 95-72 to the nationally ranked Jayhawks, FHSU outscored KU in the second half 39-36. Nicholson finished the night with 14 points and five assists while Brunson also had a solid night for the Tigers with 15 points and five rebounds.

The Tigers began their regular season with a trip to Marshall, Minn. for the Southwest Minnesota State Classic at the beginning of the month. The Tigers began the classic with an 89-72 win over Southwest Minnesota State on Nov. 9. Nicholson had a career game with 29 points and 11 assists on the night and Konrade also contributed 19 points for the black and gold.

The Tigers then turned around the next day for a tough contest against Upper Iowa. The Tigers went into halftime up 40-39 over the peacocks, but Upper Iowa outscored the Tigers 44-43 which sent the game into overtime with both teams tied at 83. FHSU went onto win in overtime 97-90 by outscoring the Peacocks.



Photo: Ariel Ouyang | TMN |

Men's soccer continues season at NCAA tournament

Nick Budd
Tiger Media Network

The men's soccer team at Fort Hays State University has made the MIAA tournament for the second straight year after finishing the year with an 11-4-2 regular season record.

"It's well-deserved by our program and truly an accomplishment to get back [to the tournament] a second year in

a row," said head coach Brett Parker.

FHSU also earned a berth into the four team MIAA tournament earlier in the month for the second straight year. The Tigers began the tournament with a 3-2 defeat over Northeastern State. Sophomore Michael Cole scored two goals in the 22nd and 64th minutes while senior Ricardo Yeverino scored the other in the 10th minute of ac-

tion. FHSU and Northeastern State tied in both of the regular season matchups earlier in the year.

After defeating Northeastern State, the Tigers moved onto play Lindenwood for the conference championship. Neither team could come away with a goal despite 90 minutes of action plus two 10-minute overtime periods which forced the game into a shootout. In the shootout,

both teams missed one kick during the initial five shots of overtime which left the score tied at 4-4 moving the penalty kick shootout to sudden death. Both teams made their first shots in sudden death, but on the second shot, freshman Cameron Barksdale missed his shot. Lindenwood's Franz Husbands went on to make the go ahead penalty shot to give Lindenwood the conference championship.

FHSU was also well represented in the all-conference teams. Senior forward Ricardo Yeverino, junior midfielder Tanner Brock, and junior defender Eric Hymer all picked up first team selections. Senior forward Daniel Peralta, midfielder Diego Cabral, and freshman goalkeeper Jason Babyak all picked up second team selections. Babyak was also named the conference freshman of the year.



A roller coaster of a season

Nick Budd
Tiger Media Network

After Saturday's 56-17 win over Nebraska Kearney, senior running back Andre Smith sat down in the postgame press conference with a smile on his face.

"I've seen this team build so much over the last three years and it's got a lot more ways to go." Smith said after securing the first winning season for the Tigers since 2009.

Fort Hays State University began the season with four straight losses to Emporia State, Washburn, Northwest Missouri State and Missouri Western. Both Emporia State and Northwest Missouri

will play for a national championship while Missouri Western and Washburn both saw time in the national polls throughout the season. Despite every single loss, head football coach Chris Brown noted that his team improved every single week.

The Tigers finally began to turn their season around in the fifth week of play against William Jewell with a 34-17 victory over the Cardinals. After a 10-7 deficit in the third quarter, the Tigers turned around to score 21 unanswered points to move FHSU ahead 28-10. William Jewell would add one more touchdown to the board late in the third quarter, but Fort Hays State answered with two fourth quarter field

goals.

"It feels good to get that first win," Brown said after the game. "We're getting closer, but I still feel there were too many mistakes today, but a win's a win."

FHSU followed up the win with a 34-17 victory over Lindenwood in St. Charles, Mo. FHSU took a quick 24-0 lead in the first half, but Lindenwood responded with 17 unanswered points in the 3rd and fourth quarters. The Tigers would solidify the win with a 17 yard touchdown run by Andre Smith with just over a minute left in the game.

The Tigers returned home the following week with a 56-14 victory over the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist. The FHSU

defense came through in the game with two defensive scores and five turnovers. The Tiger offense also had just under 400 yards of total offense on the day. They were led by junior runningback Ed Smith who ended the game with 71 total yards of rushing and contributed two touchdowns.

After the victory the Tigers traveled to Jefferson City, Mo. for a game against the Blue Tigers of Lincoln. Despite a back and forth contest, the Tigers pulled through for a 45-35 victory over Lincoln. Fort Hays State entered the fourth quarter down 38-35, but junior runningback Ed Smith and Senior running back Andre Smith added two fourth quarter touchdowns moving the Tigers to 4-4 overall.

Following the road victory, FHSU returned to Lewis Field for a 63-17 thrashing of the South Dakota School of Mines, moving FHSU to 5-4. The tiger offense contributed over 500 yards of total offense in the game. The team also broke the single game scoring record which dates back to 1995 when the Tigers put up 62 points on Wayne State. Senior wide receiver Keaton Callins led the offense with 109 receiving yards and one touchdown on six receptions. Junior defensive back Michael Jordan also had an impressive defensive performance with 10 tackles and one interception.

Following the win, the Tigers took their five game winning streak on the road to Central Missouri. After taking a quick 27-0 lead, the Tigers allowed the Mules to score 41 unanswered points throughout

the last three quarters. But Central Missouri erased all hopes of a comeback on the final kickoff with a 94 yard kickoff return for a touchdown by LaVance Taylor moving the score to a final of 48-34.

"Being up 27-0 that early and allowing them to score 41 unanswered and to let them come back, it hurts." Callins said. The Tigers returned home for their final game of the season on Saturday against Nebraska-Kearney. FHSU secured their first winning season with a 56-17 win over the Lopers. The Tiger offense picked up over 700 total yards. Senior running back Andre Smith ended his campaign at FHSU with a career high of 210 yards of rushing on 24 carries. Sophomore quarterback Treveon Albert also became the first quarterback in school history to pass for 2000 yards and rush for 500 yards. Redshirt Freshman defensive back Alex Schmidtberger led the defense with 10 tackles in the game. Tanner Hageman led the receiving corp with 88 yards and one touchdown on eight receptions.

The Tigers finished the year with their first winning season since 2009 with a final overall mark of 6-5. Keaton Callins led the team in scoring with 11 touchdowns on the year accounting for the third most in a single season at FHSU. Sophomore linebacker Justin McPhail led the Tigers defensively throughout the season with 90 total tackles.

The MIAA All-Conference announcements for the season are available on the T.M.N. website.



Zack Gaughan >>>
Hays sophomore

Getting ready to say goodbye

After 27 years President Hammond announces retirement



Photo: Ariel Ouyang | TMN |

James Bell Tiger Media Network

Earlier this semester long time Fort Hays State University President Edward Hammond announced his retirement at the end of his contract period this June. The Announcement came in front of a board of regents meeting on the campus.

Prior to the announcement Hammond said, "There is no other place I would rather be than Fort Hays State."

"In may of this coming year I will turn 70 and I will

be in my 28th year as president of Fort Hays State and so today I am announcing that I have already sent to the board of regents earlier in the week a letter indicating that at the end of this contract period, the end of June, that I will step down as president of Fort Hays State University."

After his very long tenure, although the announcement was a surprise to many, it was inevitable.

"I didn't see it coming. From what I know about him, he's done a great job. It will be interesting to see who

steps in to fill his shoes," said Jonathan Inman, Branson, Mo. Sophomore.

Hammond explained the reason behind the mid year timing as the best time in order to ensure the academic year was rolling, but would give him enough time to get ready for his exit.

"This has been something that the regents and I have been working on for over a year and a half and I believe it is the right thing for fort hays I believe it is the right thing for me."

For Hammond he said

this is the best time for him to step down and let someone else take the lead at FHSU. "I feel like I am on top of my game...my dad told me that that was the time that you should step down."

"The bottom line is one of the major challenges we face in higher education is transition from one leadership to another and one of the real arts of leadership is helping with that transition and I love this institution so much I want to make sure that this transition works as best as it can, in the optimum way."

One of Hammond's goals is to ensure the institution he has developed stays on course.

"We do have a different kind of institution we have a different kind of culture than any of the other five regent schools and we don't want to lose that culture, lose our momentum."

Hammond expressed gratitude to FHSU community and said, "we are blessed to have a tremendous faculty, tremendous staff, and an outstanding leadership team here at Fort Hays State University."