

Veterans

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In fact, he asked around and found there wasn't even a formal ceremony on campus last year and none had been planned this year.

Kearns decided to change that and partnered up with some campus groups to organize a small ceremony, in which, at 11 p.m. on Nov. 11, students will walk from the front of Picken Hall to the Vietnam Memorial Garden behind the Memorial Union and place a wreath on the ground.

Kearns said the walk commemorates the living, while the wreath is intended to honor the dead.

"As we (the U.S.) become bigger and bigger," Kearns said, mentioning the emergence of high-tech, remotely guided weapons, "we become so distant. (Veterans' Day is) a day to thank the living."

Leadership Studies

A can-do attitude; Habitat asks for aluminum

Turning cans into keys. This January in Ellis County, an innovative recycling program will be doing just that.

FHSU Students from the leadership department have teamed up with Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County to implement an aluminum can recycling program.

They created the program not only to help preserve the environment, but also to help build Habitat for Humanity homes for Ellis County residents in need.

The program, *Cans for Habitat*, provides consumers a way to work with Habitat for Humanity without lifting a hammer.

Local businesses, schools, churches and civic groups are joining Habitat by collecting cans in *Cans for Habitat* bins.

The cans are then taken to A&A Coors, a partner in Habitat for Hu-

manity's program.

In turn, the proceeds from recycling those cans are contributed to Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County to further its house-building efforts.

Through a collaborative effort between FHSU's 310 Leadership class and Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County, Ellis County has been provided a wonderful opportunity to recycle aluminum cans and build housing for low-income families.

The 310 Leadership class is part of a curriculum that has incorporated a unique type of service.

Service-Learning is a method of teaching and learning that integrates community service activities into academic curricula

It expands the learning of students from the classroom to the community.

Recycling Cans, Rebuilding Lives is the name of the 310 group.

They will be implementing an aluminum can recycling program for Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County.

Recycling Cans, Rebuilding Lives has become an affiliate of the Cans for Habitat program.

It will be working directly with

the community, businesses, and the people of Ellis County to raise public awareness and provide Ellis County with its first Habitat for Humanity home.

Since the *Cans for Habitat* program began in 1997, 7.5 million pounds of aluminum cans have been recycled by and for Habitat affiliates- an equivalent of \$2.6 million.

All of those funds have gone to the construction of more than 56 Habitat houses.

Local affiliates, volunteers, recyclers, and national and local retail outlets and civic organizations work together to "Make Every Can Count!"

For more information on how to help Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County and how to donate cans, contact Katelin Brunson or Nichole Bryant of *Recycling Cans, Rebuilding Lives* at (785)-628 3548 or KatiLee_08@hotmail.com.



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Veterans' Day



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Leadership professor protests lack of vet recognition, plans ceremony

Zach Becker
Editor

New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius designated each of these as state holidays for 2005.

All but one are recognized at FHSU with a day off for students and faculty.

Veterans' Day (Nov. 11) is the lone exception. That doesn't sit well with Michael Kearns, professor of Leadership Studies and retired U.S. Air Force officer.

"I wonder whether we have lost track of significance and sacrifice," Kearns said. "(Professors) get printouts, names that say 'vet' (next to them on the class roster). Do we care?"

Kearns will be hosting a Times Talk forum called "Military veterans on the FHSU campus -are they a valuable resource?"

The event, which will take a sarcastic hit on some major theorists of war and discuss the importance of

honoring soldiers, will be held 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in Stouffer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

"People in the military don't choose the wars they go into," Kearns said. "War is an extension of politics. Soldiers don't want war."

While Memorial Day is a time to honor the dead, Kearns said, Veterans' Day is intended as a time to thank the living.

Veterans' Day celebrates the anniversary of the armistice signed between the Allies and Germans in 1918, ending World War I.

"(We need to) appreciate the people who do something extraordinary," Kearns said of the veterans. "It would be nice if on Friday (Nov. 11), every professor would say thank you to the veterans (in class)."

Kearns believes Veterans' Day is a sadly under-commemorated holiday.

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Encore Series

River North travels to Hays

Callie Schlegel
Staff Writer

The River North Chicago Dance Company—a talented, contemporary dance troupe known for its dynamic style and brilliant choreography—will be coming to Hays as the second show in the Encore Series.

Founded in 1989, River North has grown from a small, Chicago dance ensemble into a professional dance company that tours the entire United States.

The company specializes in jazz and modern dance with a musical theater emphasis, taking music from Gershwin, Ginger Farley, Paul Christiano, and many others and "staging a sexy show packed with pizzazz" (*Arvada Dance Magazine*).

River North has won numerous awards, including two Emmy

awards in Chicago and has been featured several times on PBS since its debut in 1989.

"Dance should be accessible and engaging ... art and entertainment do not have to be mutually exclusive," said Sherry Zunker Dow, the company's artistic director.

This stance has given the dance company huge audience appeal—almost all of their shows sell out.

River North will be performing at the Beach/Schmidt Auditorium Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

For information about tickets, call (785) 628-5308 or (785) 628-5801.

Unreserved tickets are \$10 for FHSU students, \$14 for the general public and \$12 for senior citizens and children under 18. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

International Spice



DAMIEN LEESON/THE EDGE

Ya-Chen "Irene" Lin plays the pipa, a Chinese lute, at an International Spice event on Oct. 25.

Gotta Eat



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Spotlight:

Times Talk- American Democracy Project
Times Talk is a weekly luncheon presentation and discussion about current issues and articles featured in *The New York Times*. FHSU faculty, staff, students, and community members lead one-hour discussions about recent *Times* articles. Those interested in facilitating a *Times Talk* for the spring semester can contact Mitchell Hall at 628-5528 or mhall@fhsu.edu.

Times Talk: November 3, 12:00 pm. Stouffer Lounge, Memorial Union. "Social Reform: Options for Reform." Dr. Leland Coxse's Public Administration Class.

Times Talk: November 9, 12:00 pm. Stouffer Lounge, Memorial Union. "Military Veterans on the FHSU Campus (Students, Staff, & Faculty): Are They a Valuable Resource." Michael Kearns, Leadership Studies.

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EDITORIAL

▼ on the edge Freedom of expression tested

At Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, a student is refusing to comply with punishment from university officials after he posted a derogatory comment about homosexuals on facebook.com, referring to gays as "subhuman."

Ryan Miner posted the comment on a user group formed to protest a gay-straight alliance recently formed on the Catholic campus, according to a story from the Student Press Law Center.

Sound familiar? The question of how to discourage discrimination on campus, while also maintaining free speech rights, is being argued on college campuses around the country, including FHSU.

"Opposing viewpoints are certainly welcomed and within a student's rights," Bridget Fare, Duquesne spokesman, told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. "It's the way in which those opposing viewpoints are communicated that could be found in violation of the code (the student violated), which includes respect for the rights, dignity and worth of every individual in the university community."

Does a university have the right to punish students for voicing their opinions, however distasteful, as Miner said he was doing? Does a college have the jurisdiction to punish students for items posted on the internet outside of school? How should schools confront discrimination? These questions will continue to be debated on college campuses for the foreseeable future.

-The Editorial Board

Unfurled Wit

By Damien Leeson



Converted Anti-Helmetist speaks



Damien Leeson
Staff
Writer

Bike helmets = Overrated. This conclusion came after I was hit by a CAR!

It hasn't fully registered in my brain and seems so surreal that I feel like it didn't really happen, but it did Monday. (I still haven't told my mom yet. I tried to call yesterday, but obviously my brother and dad forgot I even called and failed to relay the message. I hope I can talk to her before she reads

this column. If that doesn't happen I will say that I am fine with only a scratched elbow and bruised thigh.)

Hit by a car. On the side. I've been pestered countless times, about how I need to wear a helmet . . . on my head. My head was no where near danger. My leg however was and carries a nice sized bruise.

Why is my leg bruised? Because the wonders who make protective bike gear have yet to create a suit of protective cycling armor; they've only made helmets.

So now I think back to all of the people who said, "You should be wearing a helmet!" and say, "Why bother?"

A bike helmet is only going to protect my head. The top of my head is only going to be injured if 1) I hit a curb (or other front-wise obstruction) full on and flip over my handle bars, 2) if I run head on into a car and flip over

my handle bars and through the windshield (which HA! -- a helmet is going to do jack), or 3) I'm rear ended by a car (which would be some great feat) and flip over my handle bars before being driven over and having my body crushed beneath a multi-ton mini van.

So honestly, why a helmet? If there is any sort of accident I'm screwed. I would like to have some semblance of protection, but there isn't anything that can stop a car from utterly destroying me.

I've decided that helmets only provide a false sense of security. And that me biking everywhere is some what dangerous, but all I can really do is what I've been doing: Be alert and aware of traffic and trust that God will protect and keep me from harm since he has far more to do with me before I stand by his throne.

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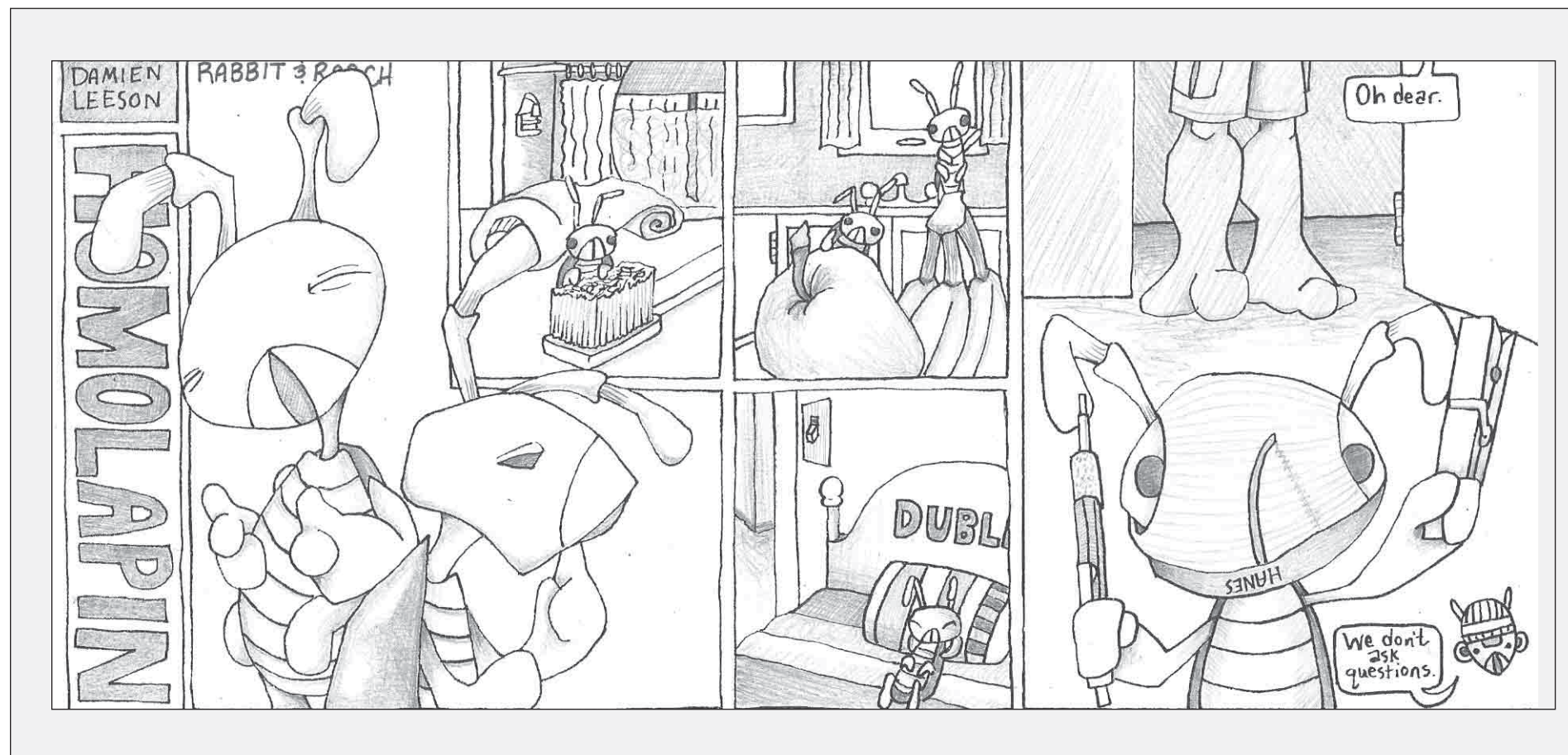
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Sept. 10	New Mexico Highlands	Las Vegas, NM	W 21-14
Sept. 17	Chadron State College	Chadron, NE	L 6-45
Sept. 24	Adams State College	Hays	W 18-15
Oct. 1	Colorado School of Mines	Hays	L 10-46
Oct. 8	Fort Lewis College	Durango, CO	L 20-51
Oct. 22	Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO	L 8-22
Oct. 29	Nebraska-Kearney	Hays	L 20-54
Final Game			
Nov. 5	Western State College	Hays	2 p.m.

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 Bottom half, far right; FHSU scores a touchdown on a reverse run by #28, Tyler Manwarren, in an Oct. 29 game against Nebraska-Kearney.
 Bottom half, lower left; J.C. Stroup, Manwarren, Randy Beck and Andrew Jones go back to receive a Mesa State punt.
 Bottom half, top left; FHSU running back #20, Jordan Hickel, runs the ball against Nebraska-Kearney.
 At left; Manwarren catches a pass from Reed Gotula during an Oct. 22 game against Mesa State.
 Just below; FHSU running back #22, Brett Prior, runs the ball against Nebraska-Kearney.



Justice Jive

Diversions help keep record clean



Michael Suchoparek
 Guest Columnist

Have you ever been pulled over by the police for rolling through the stop sign on Fort and 7th?
 Is your friend still dealing with a ticket he received over Oktoberfest weekend?
 Does your younger sister have a lead foot?
 Are you afraid of being kicked off of your parent's car insurance policy for the ticket you received this weekend?
 If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions please read on because a diversion may be the

answer for which you are looking.
 A diversion is the process of removing a minor criminal, traffic or juvenile case from the full judicial process, on the condition that the accused undergo some type of rehabilitation or make restitution for damages.
 Each law enforcement jurisdiction handles diversions differently; therefore, the possible options based upon a diversion will vary based upon jurisdiction.
 The following is a brief description of the protocols for diversions in the area that surrounds FHSU.
City of Hays
 In the City of Hays, diversions may be allowed at the discretion of the city prosecutor for simple traffic violations, except for school zone violations and in instances of speeding in excess of twenty miles over the posted

speed limit.
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 For most routine traffic violations, however, individuals are allowed one diversion per year. A diversion for a minor traffic violation will cost \$100 plus fines and costs. For those looking to continue to pay a reasonable car insurance rate, diversions will prove to be very beneficial.
 For alcohol related incidents, such as minor in consumption of alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol, or driving under the influence of alcohol, the city of Hays usually allows one diversion per lifetime at the discretion of the city prosecutor. Therefore, if you were caught drinking alcohol at your best friend's party

last weekend, then diversion may be an option that will keep the offense off of your permanent record. A diversion for alcohol related offenses will cost \$250 plus fines and costs, which will usually total approximately \$500.
Ellis County
 Prior to seeking a traffic diversion, it is necessary to read the ticket and determine which agency issued the ticket. Why? Unlike the City of Hays, traffic violations do not qualify for diversions in Ellis County. Therefore, if you were caught driving 40 miles per hour on Hall Street and a Hays Police Officer pulls you over and issues you a ticket, then a diversion may be an option for you. However, if you were caught speeding by an Ellis County Sheriff on your way to Great Bend or pulled over by a Kansas State Trooper on I-70, diversion will not be an option for

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you.
 Nonetheless, Ellis County does allow criminal diversions for alcohol related incidents among other things. The cost for a diversion in Ellis County will cost approximately \$105 plus court fees and fine.

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Times Talk discusses alternative fuels

James Bell
Staff Writer



With gas prices still over two dollars a gallon and the prospect of record setting home heating costs this winter it is easy to see the importance of discussion of alternate fuel sources.

Last Thursday's Times Talk did just that. The discussion was led by Dr. Robert Howell, assistant professor of technology. His discussion centered on several energy alternatives such as nuclear, soy diesel, and wind energy.

The general message throughout the talk was a mix of technological information and the reasons that alternative energy sources have not been more widely utilized nationwide.

He said his favorite alternative source was nuclear and offered pro and con arguments for nuclear power.

Howell said that one tenth of the energy production of the United States comes from nuclear power. He offered up the fact that no one has ever died in the US from nuclear energy. He said, "nuclear power is pretty safe you just split an atom...they have all types of controls in it now, run by computers."

He went on to explain the problems of the

nuclear power waste, elaborating that currently nuclear facilities are storing the materials on site. Transportation is a problem he explained and alluded to European protest over moving waste to Russia.

He explained at length the possible savings from mixed fuels such as E-10, E-85, and soy diesel. Howell explained that E-10 can be used in any vehicle, but E-85 requires special modifications to cars for safe use.

He referenced the Russell ethanol plants and the use of locally grown crops to produce ethanol. "If we had more ethanol we could extend our gas by mixing it up." He also talked about the benefit of diesel fuel over gasoline. "Over 50% of the cars in Europe now are diesel.

Diesel is a very, very economical cheaper fuel to run." He questioned the low use of diesel, which is easily mixed allowing for less use fossil fuels.

Another alternative fuel sources was the use of methane gas from sources such as urban sewer systems and manure from feed lots.

In both cases, Howell explained, a dome was used to capture the gas produced as the waste was broken down. He gave some specific cases

to demonstrate the practicality of this method of energy production, but alluded to government action stopping the development of these energy sources.

He also explained that ownership of the power lines and extremely rural areas without the necessary electric infrastructure keep small energy producers such as personal farms from implementing methane based energy

Some of the more practical parts of the discussion centered on the explanation of the energy saving devices in his own home.

Howell explained that his home runs on electricity only, not gas. He gave evidence that his methods for heating and cooling pay for themselves.

His home cooling and heating needs were based on pipes running under his home using the temperature of the earth to level the temperature year round. Overall the presentation was a solid overview of many alternate energy sources.

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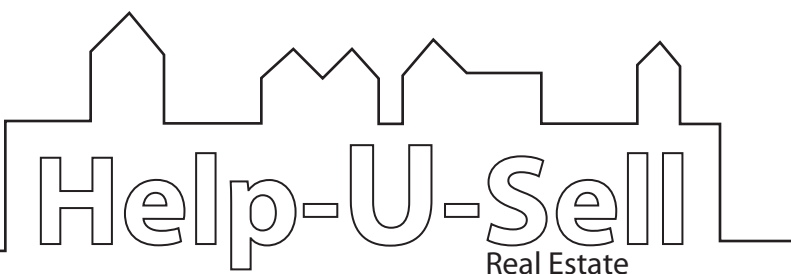
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Things to do on campus

"What do you want to do this weekend, Sparkle Bear?"

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Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

After four and a half years in college I still hear the same question and it has been answered the same every time.

The question: what are we going to do today?

The answer: There isn't anything to do in Hays but get drunk. Which isn't so. I've made it through 4 1/2 years without getting drunk.

So, in a semi-forced humanitarian effort, I have compiled a list to help others find enjoyable things to do. Keep in mind that these are in no particular order because that would be too cliché and I don't flow like that.

1) Math. Oh boy nothing gets the blood boiling like a few Calc problems. Unfortunately, I've never tasted this sweet ecstasy, but it is said to be second only to ping pong.

2) Visit your professors . . . for fun and not just once, but three times a day. They'll be elated to know just one student actually seeks their wisdom -- even if they know it is only an attempt to pull up to a C.

3) Have tea with a Squirrel. Though mostly rodentia's answer to Paris Hilton, the squirrels do in fact have some very important things to say. Where else do you think professors get their material, books?

4) Play Duck, Duck, Goose in the Quad. Honestly, lets put some use into the Quad; people

always say College is like a second childhood. Why not indulge in some heartfelt immaturity?

5) Join SGA. Wait, sorry that is the same as #4.

6) Live action "Frogger". We all pretty much do it anyway when we cross the street between classes, but why not get official and make a game out of it. At least then there would be incentive to get hit by cars!

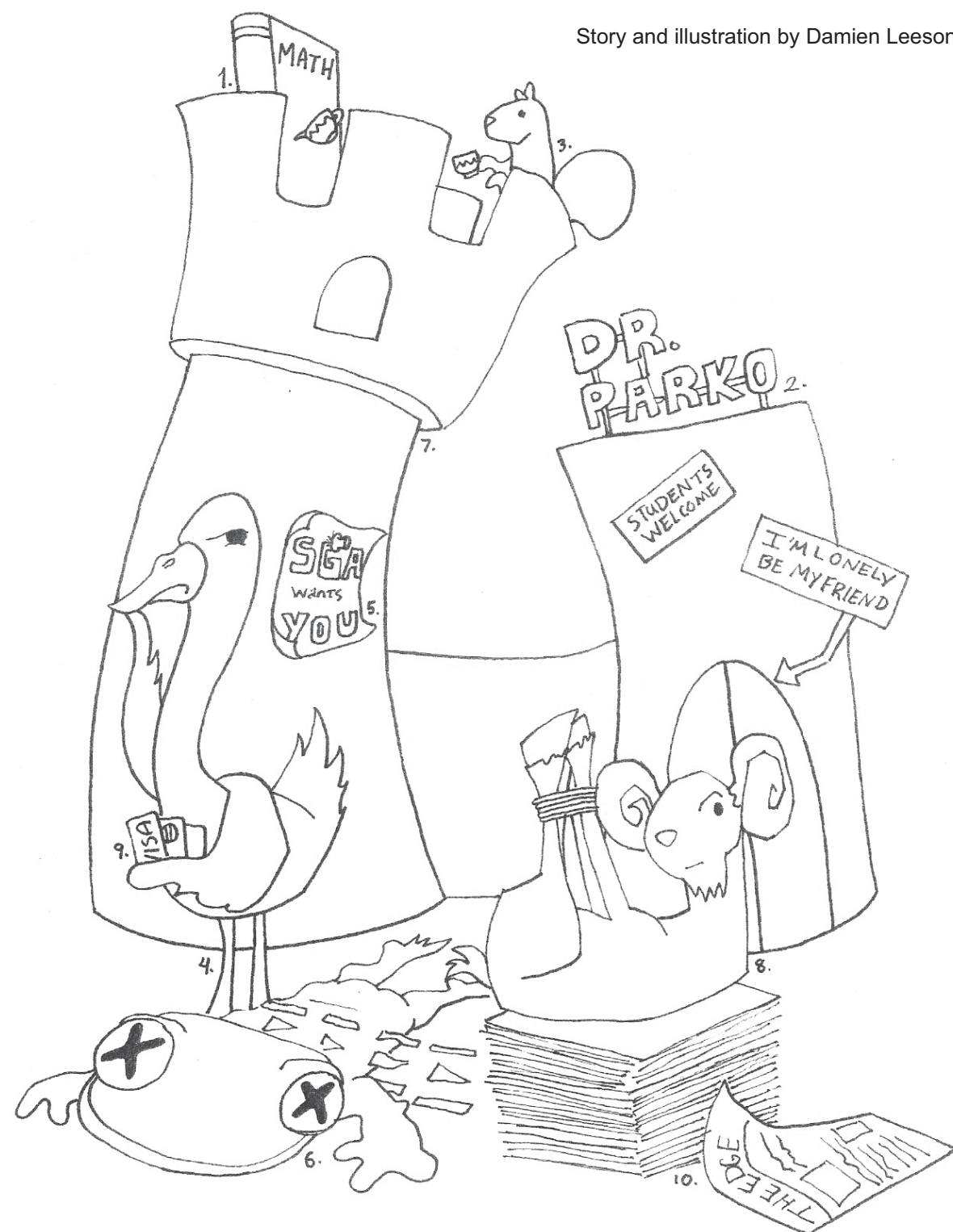
7) Build Forts out of the Cafeteria Jello. I haven't had the stuff in a while, but last time I did it could bounce a foot in the air. So I think we should put it to use and build forts, or better yet a new levy for New Orleans.

8) Goat sacrifices to the monster in Big Creek. If someone doesn't start some poor cat is going to be eaten and sooner or later children. So we might as well start feeding it, now, what else do we have to do?

9) Solicit Credit Cards. It worked for Dominoes last year and was a big hit among students. I suggest turning it into the next bandwagon fad and ditch the rubber bracelets for a pack of "Free Pizza" cards.

10) Work for a school newspaper. Correction, sell your eternal spirit to one. Nothing else can keep you occupied and with out that "I don't have anything to do feeling" than newspaper work.

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Rackaway fosters love for politics

James Bell
Staff Writer

Anyone that has had a class with Chapman Rackaway, assistant professor of political science, may remember his seemingly endless pop culture references or quick ability to poke fun at both the democratic and the republican parties.

A person may not realize, though, that as a member of the FHSU political science department, he has helped form a new and exciting educational option for anyone interested in politics.

As director of the political management track, Rackaway has been instrumental in establishing the only undergraduate political management track in the state and one of a few in the nation.

When searching for a job af-

ter receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in 2002 he saw a job listing for FHSU and said, "Hey, this college in Kansas wrote a job description custom-made for me"

He was quick to give credit to other members of the political science department for the development of the track.

"They already had the structure of the new political science major in place," he said, "All I had to do was take ideas and turn them into course proposals. I owe a big thank you to the department for making my job a lot easier"

His job at FHSU allows him to "keep one foot in campaign politics while I get to follow my first passion, teaching." He studied political parties, communications strategies of members of Con-

gress, and campaign finance in his time before coming to FHSU and is still an active researcher in political parties, campaigns and voting behavior, civic participation, and media and politics.

One of Rackaway's most visible jobs has been as director of Times Talk.

"Through Times Talk, the campus community has the opportunity to explore areas that are interesting and intellectually challenging," Rackaway said in an American Democracy Project (ADP) Newsletter. "I believe we are providing a positive influence on the intellectual culture of FHSU."

The weekly times talk brings discussion of various topics during the lunch hour."

"I think it's realistic to hope

that we get 50 people on average by year's end and another 100 to 200 looking in virtually since we started streaming Times Talks online," he said.

Links to the broadcast are available on the FHSU website and many previous talks are also available on the American Democracy Project page of the site.

He said that he would like to "see more students involved in ADP, from bringing more students on to the Vision Team to having more opportunities for student engagement outside the classroom"

The vision team is a part of the ADP and is made up of instructors, students, administration, and local citizens.

He also said he would like to see more faculty integration with

the New York Times in the classroom.

The Times has a readership program with FHSU and the Times is distributed for free at various points across campus.

Rackaway often speaks of increasing civic engagement and has been very visible in pushing students to become more involved in politics and service learning by speaking at such events as the freshmen orientation before classes began this fall.

He is also often quoted in political news stories in local news sources.

Rackaway says he truly enjoys what he does.

"I have a job that I love and I've had the opportunity to work and spend time with people I respect a lot," he said.

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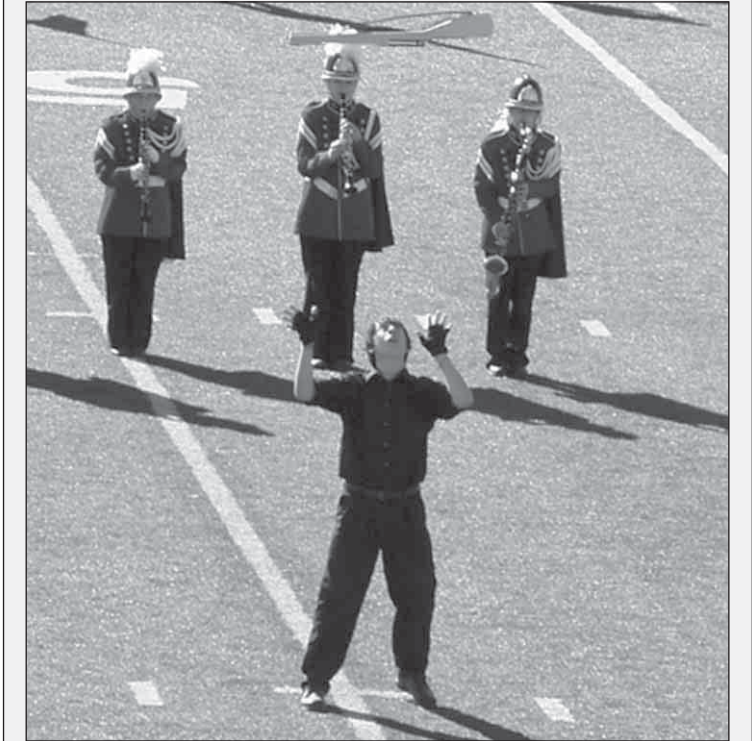
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Jessie Maseberg, Macksville junior, gives blood on Oct. 25. She said she donated blood because she wanted the free T-Shirt, although helping save lives was an added bonus.

Rifles Away



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Great Bend High School's marching band performs at an FHSU sponsored band festival at Lewis Field on Oct. 24.



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