

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY







Tiger Baseball digital collection now available online

The Fort Hays State University community and alumni, baseball fans and researchers across the globe can now



access the history of FHSU Tiger baseball through a digital collection of photographs.

The collection, created by Elizabeth Chance, digital curation librarian at Forsyth Library, features photographs of the Tiger baseball teams beginning in 1903 and continuing through 1999. Included in the collection are photos of individual players, team photos and action shots depicting how baseball has evolved over the decades at FHSU.

"I tackle large digitization projects to make items in the University Archives globally accessible through Forsyth Digital Collections," said Chance. "I am excited for the collection to be live because it's a great collection with lots of interest."

The collection showcases highlights from the history of the baseball program at FHSU from when the institution was known as the Western Branch of the Kansas Normal School 1902-1914. Each of the 170 digital images includes information such as year and names of players.

The collection can be viewed at http://contentcat.fhsu.edu/digital/collection/p15732coll6.

Summer experience a boon for FHSU teaching hopefuls

Josh Stark, a junior at FHSU, is passing on to other youngsters his passion for learning all he can about science while working toward a bachelor's degree in chemistry education. He is one of five Fort Hays State students who were named Noyce Summer Scholars to help with FHSU's Science and Mathematics Education Institute youth camps this summer.

The Noyce Summer Scholars, as well as the Noyce Teacher Leader program, is made possible because of a large grant from the National Science Foundation. In addition to being chosen for the summer scholars program, Stark also was one of eight Fort Hays State students awarded a \$13,000 Noyce Teacher Leader scholarship.

Stark – whose mom, Bev, has a degree in secondary education from FHSU – was firmly set on teaching at the high school level. That is, until he worked with the elementary school children this summer.

"I used to think there was no way I would teach



middle or elementary school. I wanted to work at the high school level," he said. "But now, I think I could teach middle school. I realized you learn a lot from these kids. You never know what's going to work with them, so you're always thinking ahead."

Art faculty create cyclone sculpture dedicated to Codell

Toby Flores, associate professor of art and design at Fort Hays State University, and Danielle Robinson, adjunct art faculty, were chosen by Codell to design and



fabricate a 15-foot cyclone sculpture in honor of "Cyclone Day."

"Danielle and I felt honored to be selected by the city of Codell," said Flores. "We instantly connected with the people in charge of the project. They were easy to get along with and we were all passionate about the strange history of this event."

For three consecutive years, in 1916, 1917 and 1918, Codell was struck by tornadoes on May 20, which community residents have now labeled "Cyclone Day." The steel sculpture was dedicated on May 20.

"The dedication was awesome," said Flores. "It was also very emotional because this is a part of their families' history. They lost family and friends on this day and we were also there to remember them," he said.

About 150 people attended the dedication, which included a band, speeches by Merril Teller and Joel Russell and a cookout.

Fort Hays State University debuts online bookstore

In keeping with its mission of considering the needs of students first, Fort Hays State University is now offering a less expensive method of buying books – launching this summer an online bookstore for the 2018-19 school year. It is the first Kansas Regents university to offer the purchase of books exclusively online.

"It's exciting," said Edie McCracken, director of the Memorial Union. "It's innovation, which Fort Hays State is known for."

McCracken said the search committee was intrigued by a "hybrid model," one that features online book purchasing but with the traditional campus store still serving a purpose.

The committee chose Akademos, a virtual course material store, as the online vendor for purchasing textbook material, and indiCo, a subsidiary of the NACS, as the vendor for the Tiger Spirit Shop. That shop, which occupies the main floor of the former University Bookstore, will carry merchandise such



as FHSU clothing and gifts, school supplies, technology accessories, etc.

The online purchasing model can provide up to 25 percent savings for students.

Did you know?

- This season of the Hays Symphony Orchestra, "Symphonic Expedition," on Aug. 24, it will be the orchestra's 104th. It is the longest continuously running orchestra in Kansas.
- Kiley Heine, Great Bend senior majoring in sociology and a research assistant at Fort Hays State University, was the lead presenter of a research talk at the recent 24th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management in Snowbird, Utah.
- FHSU's Senior Companion program, the first in the nation to be sponsored by an institution of higher education, celebrated its 44th anniversary this summer.
- The educational efforts of the Kansas
 Wetlands Education Center at Cheyenne
 Bottoms includes an annual Perseid Meteor
 Shower Watch Party a free, family evening
 of crafts, science experiments, games, snacks,
 and stargazing. This year's event was Aug. 10.

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