

## Name change not good idea for state university

Change the name of Fort Hays State University? Why?

It's one of the ideas being floated by President Ed Hammond during his annual tour of the region, but not a good one.

Fort Hays State is a perfectly good name, with some geographic identity and a lot of history. The alternatives just aren't too attractive.

University of Western Kansas isn't likely to convince anyone from Johnson County that they've found Nirvana. Neither is Western Kansas State.

Eisenhower State could be anywhere.

It's not that the college has had its name forever. It was first known as the Kansas State Normal School, then Kansas State Teachers College and Kansas State College. In those days, it was one of three state schools that changed names in lockstep, identified only by the town: Emporia State and Pittsburg State.

Fort Hays State University may have been a step up. While similar to the other two, it's unique, and that's not a bad thing.

Many people don't know why the college is "Fort Hays State" and not just Hays State, but it's an interesting story. It goes back to the turn of the last century, when Hays citizens wanted to start a state "normal" school, as teacher training institutions were known in those days.

They talked Congress into donating the unused federal reservation of the old fort outside of town to the new school. That's why the college is out on the edge of town, on former federal land that had

been a military post in the Indian Wars.

And why the university is "Fort Hays State" today.

Not every college has such a colorful past. It's something worth hanging on to.

There's a trend among former teachers' colleges, though, to differentiate names. In Missouri, where the schools once had geographic names — Northwest Missouri State, Southeast Missouri State, Central Missouri State — one is now Truman State and another became Missouri State, much to the disgust of University of Missouri alumni.

Trouble is, no one can remember where those two are now that they've lost their geographic ties. Then there is the University of Central Missouri, right down the road from the University of Missouri.

In Colorado, the old teachers' college is now the University of Northern Colorado, though it's a little south of Colorado State.

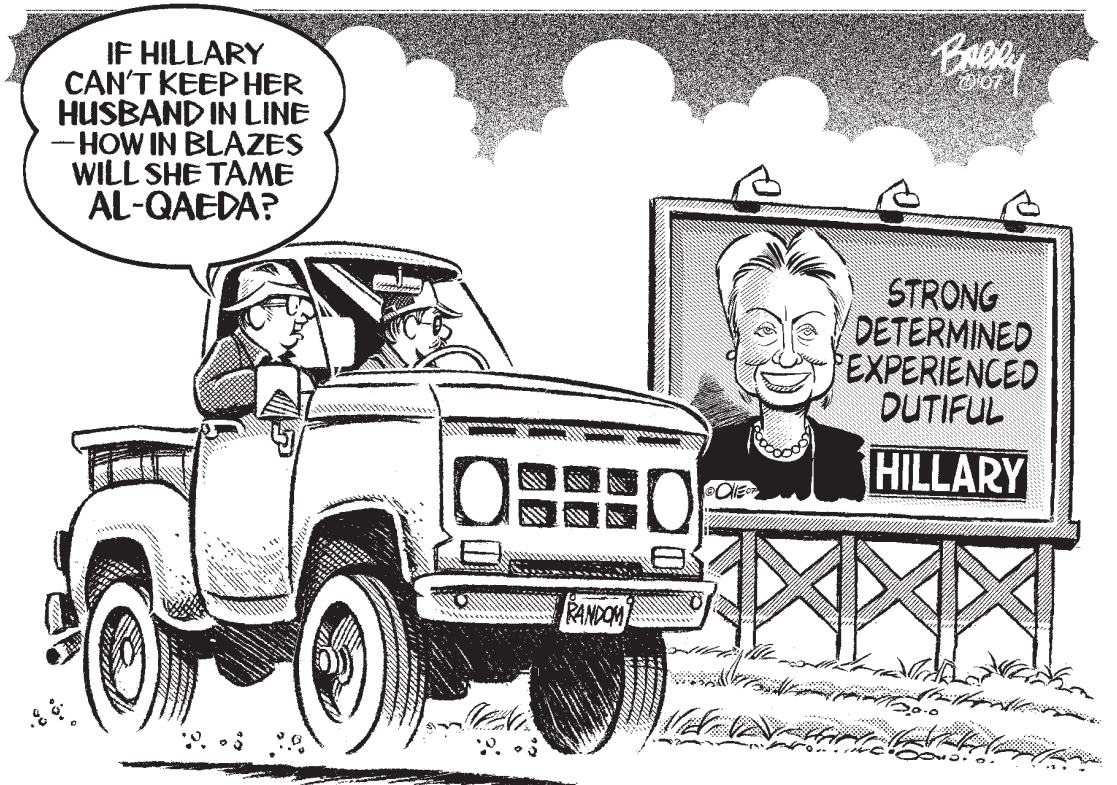
If all that sounds confusing to you, imagine what it must be for alumni and for prospective students.

Fort Hays State is a fine name with a good story behind it. Our advice is to stick with it.

For marketing purposes, it's as good as any of the new ideas. And surely Dr. Hammond has better things to spend his money on than changing the name on all those building, vehicles, business cards and so on.

Fort Hays is a growing, vital institution with the name it has. Just keep it.

— Steve Haynes.



HILLARY'S DETRACTORS GET PERSONAL ...

## News From the Past

### 60 years ago - 1947

Construction is being planned for housing for the executive personnel who will be connected with the building of Bonny Dam. It will require 35 to 50 two and three bedroom houses of permanent type as they will be used for several years. A site was selected on the west end of the municipal airport.

Two new buildings and an addition to another one are among the building activities now in progress in St. Francis. Work on the Foster Lumber building is moving along nicely. Walls on the Carpenter and Son's Cement building are going up. The other new building is being built by J. H. Hancock. It is being build for rental purposes.

A fire of undetermined origin

almost completely destroyed the interior of the Christian Church. Quick action by firemen prevented additional loss to adjacent homes and buildings.

The St. Francis Community High School band will be one of 30 bands from high schools in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas to attend the University of Colorado's Band Day in Boulder, Colo.

### 40 years ago - 1967

Ralph Crawford returned this month from flying a 7,000 mile solo air flight to Fairbanks, Alaska, flying a 1946 model Cessna 140.

Dr. John Pinkerton, an optometrist, is being welcomed to St. Francis. His office is at 209 W. Washington, in the former Roelfs building.

Pastor Derald Rice of the Zion Lutheran Church has announced that he will be leaving the area to accept a call to the Zion Lutheran Church in Everest.

Myra Zimbelman and Ginger Harkins attended a District FHA (Future Homemakers of America) meeting in Jennings, along with their advisor, Mrs. Phil Sherlock, home economics instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rieb are holding a first anniversary sale at Rieb Skogmo Department Store.

The Citizens State Bank of St. Francis will move to their new location on the St. Francis Main Street. The bank will be closed all day Saturday for the move and will reopen on Monday, Sept. 25.

## Hangin' With Marge

### Fences

By Margaret Bucholtz



Most people put up a fence to keep their dogs in, but out on our farm we do it different. We put up an electric fence to keep our dogs out of the yard.

It did have a few drawbacks because every time we left the yard or when someone came to visit they had to step over the electric fence to get to the door. Not to mention that in the dark we walked very carefully so we could see the wire.

Saturday I went outside to cut back a few flowers and dig the bulbs for the winter. I lowered the electric fence and got the wheelbarrow into the yard. Each trip pushing the load to a trailer got heavier. I would

catch the fence and have to back up and take another run at it. I ran over other plants, knocked rocks out of the way, but finally the job was done.

It was time to get the fence back up. I slid the top wire up and then reached down to slide the bottom wire. It just wouldn't slide up. I noticed that the wire was bent from hitting it with the wheel of the wheelbarrow, also catching the back legs about every time I went across. It was amazing how far that wire would stretch until I would see it and have to back up and take another run, however I didn't realize I had bent it that bad.

I got down on my knees to get a better look when all of the sudden the world was turning colors and then I realized that I had a horrible pain on the right side of my head that was just snapping me. About then I realized my head was on the top wire of the electric fence.

I jumped back and wanted to cry, but then I thought, "Well, maybe the electric shock will help my memory."

I don't think it helped, but it sure left me with a headache for rest of the day.

## Operation completes project

To the editor:

As you may be aware, Operation SOS has just completed their sixth annual "Holidays for Heroes" project. Our organization is grateful for the continued support the community of St. Francis has offered every year. Without the giving spirit of these people, Operation SOS would not be able to fulfill its goals every year.

### Letter to the Editor

Operation SOS has sent almost 9,000 care packages weighing just short of 48 tons in the last 6 years. This would not have been possible without the generosity of the people in northwest Kansas.

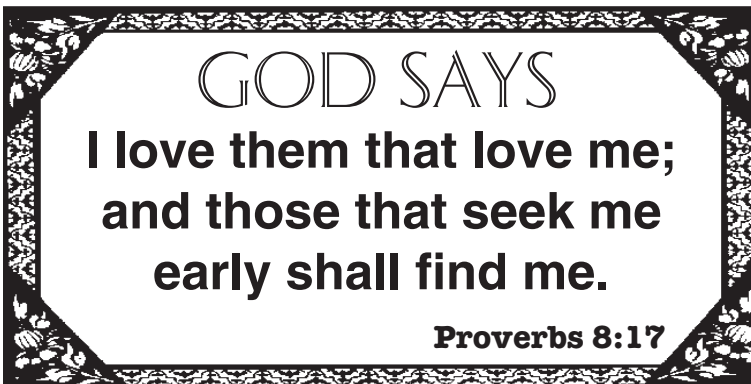
Operation SOS is very grateful

for everyone's efforts to making those who are serving overseas a little brighter not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year as well.

Melanie Elliott Kensington

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