

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Snow likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 44. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. West wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 63.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64.

 Wednesday: High, 47; Low 34
 Precip: Wed. 0.38 inches
 Month: 2.80 inches
 Year: 24.88 inches
 Normal: 19.19 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 8:10 a.m. 6:45 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

College head warns of budget cuts

From "EDUCATION," Page 1

regents university system, which includes the University of Kansas and Kansas State, grew by 1,400 students in the past five years, 82 percent of them at Fort Hays.
 This year's was one of the largest freshmen classes the university has ever had. Hammond said the university is getting a lot of students from Colorado, mainly because of that state's budget woes.
 "The Colorado system is basically bankrupt," he said. "We could very well end up like Colorado, but we could come out better."
 Hammond said the growth has been spread over many departments, including art, physics, medical diagnostics, business and accounting, biology and agriculture.
 He said the university has kept tuition low, which accounts for much of the growth. Fort Hays State tuition is currently at \$98.50 per credit hour. The university fought off a recent tuition increase by using federal stimulus money to create a scholarship. Any student who has a passing grade in at least one credit hour gets a \$5-per-credit-hour scholarship. Hammond said the university is also trying to keep class sizes down.
 Fort Hays went to a four-day work week during the summer semester and made many other budget cuts, he said. As part of its growth strategy, he said, the university has become the largest foreign provider of education in China. That program began in 2001, and now has 3,000 students and 44 faculty. Hammond said the university makes a profit from China for the service, all of which comes back to Kansas.
 Hammond said the state's next official revenue numbers will come out in November, and the universities are waiting to hear if they will be handed more budget cuts by the 2010 legislature.

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Rain, snow storm may move east to Kansas

From "STORM," Page 1

not many accidents had been reported.
 The storm created headaches for travelers as airlines canceled hundreds of flights because of drifting snow and high winds. Up to a foot of snow was expected at Denver International Airport by this afternoon.
 The Denver metro area was under a winter storm warning until 6 p.m., with snow through the afternoon, blowing snow throughout the day and temperatures in

the upper 20s, the Weather Service said. As much as 7 inches could fall around parts of Denver before the storm ends.
 The storm, which began Tuesday, had already dropped enough snow to break records for total snowfall in October for Wyoming. It was the biggest October snowmaker in the Denver area since 1997, said Byron Louis, a National Weather Service hydrologist.
 Whiteout conditions were predicted Thursday for the plains areas of eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska.

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