

**weather report**

**71°**

at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 5:54 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 7:08 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 17 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northeast at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.24 inches and falling
- Record High 88° (1959)
- Record Low 20° (1976)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	76°
Low	36°
Precipitation	none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 35, light winds.

Tuesday: sunny, high near 80, light south winds.

**Extended Forecast**

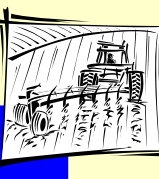
Wednesday through Thursday: dry, lows near 35, highs near 70.

(National Weather Service)

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\*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.12 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.06
  - Loan deficiency payment — 39¢
  - Corn — \$1.52 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.57
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 42¢
  - Milo — \$2.21 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.03 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.84
  - Loan deficiency payment — 1.05¢
  - Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.79
  - Oil new crop — \$5.85 cwt.
  - Confection current — \$9 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**afternoon wire**



Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

**Buchanan changes party**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Ral-lying followers to "a new patriotism," lifelong Republican Pat Buchanan abandoned the GOP today to run for the Reform Party presidential nomination.

"Our vaunted two-party system has become a snare and a delusion, a fraud upon the nation," he said.

"Go, Pat, go," the crowd of at least 300 responded.

"Neither (party) fights with conviction and courage to rescue God's country from the cultural and moral pit into which she has fallen," he said.

The repeat presidential contender lent a sense of last-ditch urgency to his transformed campaign.

"If we don't 'Go now, Pat,'" he said, trying to be heard over cheers in a suburban Washington hotel, "every cause for which we have fought for seven years will die.

## Cowgirls headed for state

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team beat the reigning 4-A state champion Concordia Panthers in the substate tournament, and are headed to the state finals in Salina Friday and Saturday.

Goodland is the number two seed behind Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail in the state finals. The Cowgirls will face Towanda-Circle, Sabetha, and Rose Hill in a round robin tournament in the semi-finals. The tournament will start at 7:30 a.m. Friday at Bicentennial Center in Salina.

Goodland faced Chapman in the first match of the day. The Cowgirls didn't have much trouble with Chapman, beating them 15-10, 15-3.

The Cowgirls played Abilene in the semi-final match, Abilene having beaten Smoky Valley in their first match.

Goodland won the first game 15-5. Abilene would not give up, and won the second game 15-13.

The two teams had to play a third game. Abilene tried to keep up with the Cowgirls. Early in the game the score was tied at 4-4, but Goodland proved too much, and won the game 15-7 to advance into the final match.

Concordia had beat both teams in two games each, so they advanced to meet Goodland in the finals.

Concordia served to start the game. Goodland got side out. Ashley Hallagin served for the Cowgirls, and Rita Scheopner spiked the ball for Goodland's first point.

Goodland lost serve, and Concordia scored two points. Julia Darnauer spiked the ball to get the serve back. The two teams traded serves again. Darnauer served, and the Cowgirls scored 5 points, to go ahead 6-2. The Cowgirls lost serve, but did not allow Concordia to score.

Goodland ran the score up to 8-3, but the Panthers scored 5 points to tie the game at 8-8 before Goodland got the side out.

The Cowgirls couldn't score, and Concordia got the serve and scored another point to make it 9-8.

Teneile Lovelace served for the Cowgirls, and Goodland scored five points, with the last point coming on a kill from Darnauer.

Concordia got the serve back, and after scoring one point another kill from Darnauer got a side out for Goodland.

Amber Ontiveroz served for Goodland. Jara McKee killed the ball to put the Cowgirls up 14-10.

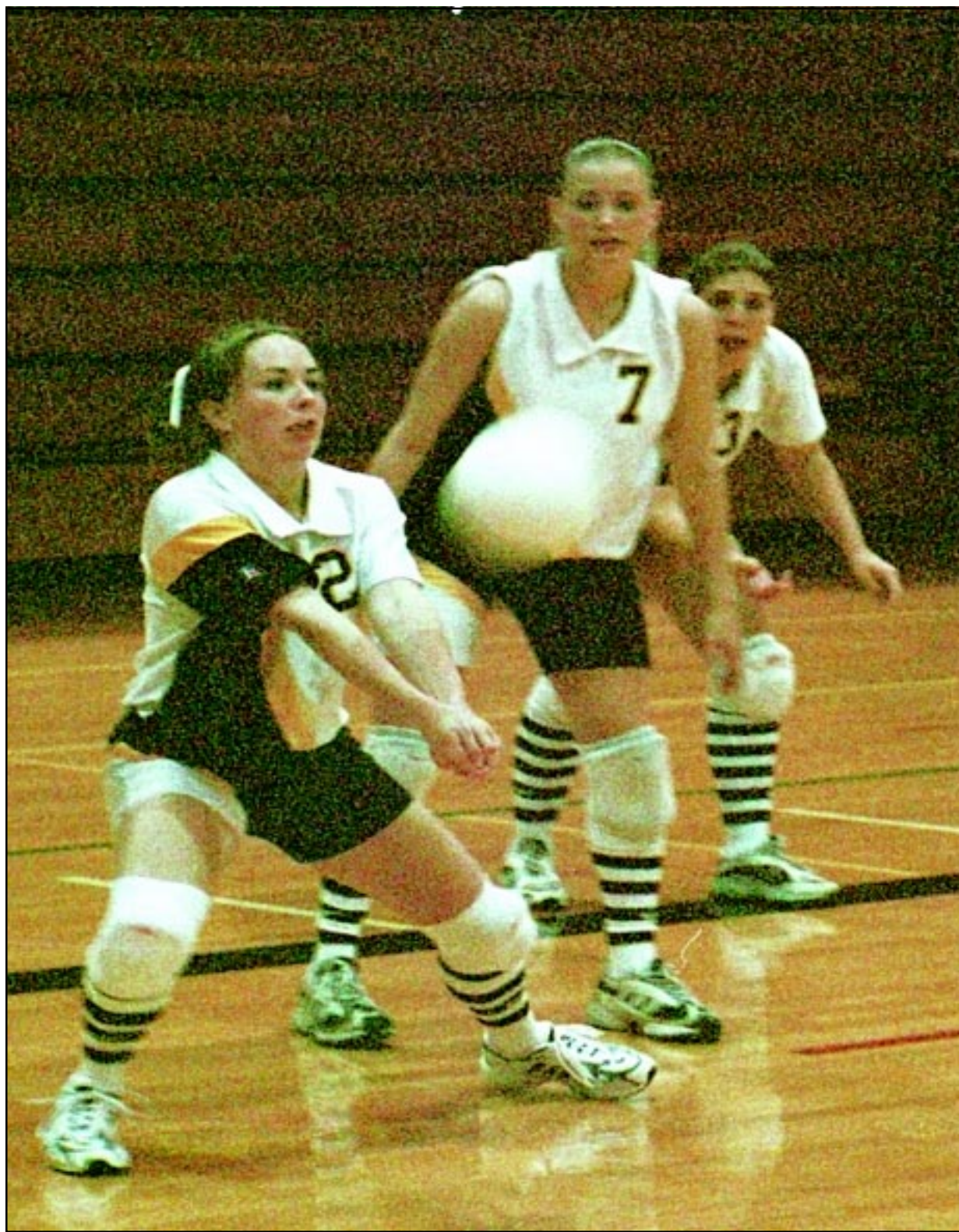
The teams traded serves again. Concordia scored two points to make it 14-12.

The Cowgirls scored again, beating Concordia in the first game 15-12.

Erica Tiede served for Goodland to start the second game. The Cowgirls scored one before losing serve, and it was 1-0.

The Panthers scored a point, then Darnauer spiked the ball to get the serve back for the Cowgirls.

Goodland scored again, but then Concordia got side out and scored two to take a 3-2 lead.



Erica Tiede returned a serve from Concordia in Saturday's substate final match. The Cowgirls beat the reigning 4-A state champion Panthers 15-12, 15-13, to advance to the state tournament this weekend in Salina.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

The teams traded serve with neither scoring. The Panthers then scored again to extend their lead to 4-2.

The Cowgirls scored two points to tie the game at 4-4 before losing serve.

Concordia couldn't score, and Goodland got side out. On a soft tip from McKee, Goodland scored another point. Darnauer blocked a hard shot from Concordia, and Goodland scored again, making it 6-4.

Concordia got the serve, but failed to score. The Cowgirls added two more points, and now lead 8-4.

The Panthers scored two points to make it 8-6.

The teams traded serves again, then Concordia scored 5 points to go ahead 12-8.

Goodland got the serve, but couldn't score.

Concordia scored again, to make it 13-8.

Tiede served for the Cowgirls, and Goodland added 3 points to make it 11-13.

Concordia served, but couldn't score.

Hallagin served, and Darnauer killed the ball for another point for the Cowgirls, making it 12-13.

Concordia got the serve, but Darnauer again spiked the ball to get the serve back for the Cowgirls.

Ontiveroz served for the Cowgirls. Goodland scored two points. The score was 14-13, when McKee slammed the ball across the net for a kill and the game winning point to advance the Cowgirls into the state finals.

Coach Jerry McKee said it was a great win for the team.

"We played just well enough to get through the first two matches," he said.

"It was difficult because everybody

was watching Concordia, thinking about playing them."

"We really stepped it up for the finals, I don't think they expected us to play that hard."

The Cowgirls will be going to the state tournament for the sixth straight year. McKee said he wanted to thank all the Goodland fans for traveling to Russell and supporting the team.

"We had a good crowd," he said, "they were very vocal and supportive."

"Everybody expected Concordia to be there," he said, "but we are going again."

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## Uncontrolled jet crashes in S. Dakota

By Glen Johnson

AP Aviation Writer

A Learjet flew uncontrolled over the nation's heartland for hours today before crashing in South Dakota, apparently with five people aboard. There were no survivors.

Government officials confirmed that U.S. Open golf champion Payne Stewart was among the victims and suggested the plane may have suffered a pressurization failure. The golfer's mother, Bee Stewart, said in Springfield, Mo., she didn't know if her son was on the plane but said he was a part owner of the jet.

No one survived the crash, South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow said. Gene Abdallah, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, confirmed that the plane had crashed about two miles west of Mina, in the north-central part of the state. No one on the ground was hurt, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Lockhart said President Clinton was informed of the situation during a meeting with his economic advisers. When reporters pressed him for the identities of those on board, he threatened to cut short his daily briefing.

He said that FAA officials had an unofficial roster of those on board, and "until they have confirmed that there won't be any further information."

Lockhart said that two FAA officials already had been dispatched to the scene of the crash, as had a National Transportation Safety Board representative.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, Tony Molinaro, said the aircraft left Orlando, Fla., this morning bound for Dallas, and the last communication was when the plane was over Gainesville, Fla.

Stewart, 42, has been one of the most recognizable players in golf because of his trademark knickers and tam-o'-shanter hat. He has won 18 tournaments around the world, including three major championships. In June, Stewart won his second U.S. Open over Phil Mickelson with a 15-foot putt, the longest putt to ever decide that championship on the final hole.

Orlando is his hometown. FAA spokesman Paul Turk said the plane had flown as high as 45,000 feet and the crew did not respond to repeated inquiries from air traffic controllers.

He said a pair of Air Force F-16s flew up to check on the plane and saw no apparent activity aboard. The fighters had to break off to refuel, Turk said.

## Merger proposal shows difficulty new regents face

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — A big change may be coming to the state's higher education system soon.

Admittedly, the proposal doesn't sound like much outside western Kansas. Fort Hays State University and Pratt Community College are proposing to make the Pratt college a satellite campus of the university, 90 miles to the northwest.

But members of the Board of Regents and officials at both institutions see the proposal as one that could set off a series of similar "affiliations," as officials call them.

The proposal also is showing the difficulty the regents face in streamlining the higher education system and making it more efficient. They must resolve issues of money and power.

"There will be other proposals," said Regents Chairman Bill Docking. "This is, in effect, a prototype."

The three-member regents' Commission on Higher Education Coordination plans to meet Nov. 17 to discuss

the Pratt-Fort Hays proposal. The entire Board of Regents plans to review the commission's recommendation the next day.

Under the proposal, Pratt would become part of Fort Hays State, run by an administrator with the rank of university vice president. It would then offer some classes for four-year degrees.

The community college's Board of Trustees still would exercise control over Pratt's buildings and grounds and be responsible for upkeep and security. The board could designate programs as local initiatives to be retained.

The property tax levy for the Pratt campus would be determined by adding up the costs of keeping up the grounds and buildings and paying for local programs, then imposing the tax to raise that amount.

Fort Hays President Ed Hammond said the proposal is not so unique that it cannot be copied by other institutions.

A wave of change is what legislators had in mind when they enacted the law that put community colleges and area vocational-technical schools under an

overhauled Board of Regents.

One impediment to merger proposals in the past was how the different institutions were governed. Any proposal had to be endorsed by the regents, who ran the six state universities, and the State Board of Education, which supervised community colleges and vo-tech schools, as well as elementary, junior high and high schools.

In placing all institutions of higher education under the regents, legislators' goals included eliminating duplication of programs and making the higher education system more efficient.

Hammond said the old assumption of educators was that someone would enter and leave the higher education system once in a lifetime. With workers needing new job skills more frequently, officials expect to see some Kansans go through the system several times, he said.

"The general feeling is that we're going to service twice the number of people," he said. "The question is how do we double our capacity without dou-

bling our costs."

The Pratt-Fort Hays proposal presents thorny issues for the regents, ones likely to pop up again if change is to occur.

The first — the one the regents express the most concern about — is money.

One of the incentives for Pratt to agree to the affiliation is that it will rely significantly less on property taxes to finance its operations. In fact, the county's commitment will drop by more than \$2.5 million, or 61 percent.

Under the plan, the state would make up the difference and add \$185,000 for employee benefits.

During their meeting earlier this month, the regents told Pratt and Fort Hays officials they like the proposal but wanted to find ways to make it less expensive for the state, especially given its budget problems.

But Docking believes money will be an issue if other proposals come before the board.

be seeking less money over time."

The second issue the regents must grapple with is power. Community colleges are governed by locally elected boards of trustees.

Hammond acknowledges the Pratt-Fort Hays proposal wouldn't have support in Pratt if its board was not preserved.

As an example of how it tries to preserve Pratt's separate identity, the affiliation agreement allows Pratt to field its own athletic teams as a local initiative financed by property taxes.

"The community colleges are community based and they meet community needs," Hammond said. "The model needs to have a way in which they can continue to feel comfortable that those needs will be met."

Officials at both Pratt and Fort Hays set out to create a model for affiliations across the state. The debate on their proposal will give them and state officials a good indication of what each debate will be like.

"The system is beginning to come together as a system," Docking said.