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Deadly "black holes" face of new tornado-tracking campaign

"Our tornado-tracking drone, called a Spartan Dragon, can penetrate some of the most dangerous storms," said Dr. Andrew Feldstein, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Engineering.

Dr. Feldstein said the new technology could help researchers better understand the behavior of tornadoes and improve early warning systems.

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**RECORD ENROLLMENT: FHSU spring 2016 enrollment sets record, defies national trend**

Fort Hays State University broke its enrollment record for the fifth year in a row, with spring 2016 enrollment at 12,338, surpassing the previous year's record of 11,889.

"Enrollment growth in the region is outpacing national trends," said Dr. Randy Gonzales, vice president of University Relations and Marketing.

"Our university's unique regional focus and strong academic programs are drawing students from across the state and beyond," said Dr. Gonzales.

**SGA initiative to give back to the community by performing services for people who need them.**

The Student Government Association at Fort Hays State University is spearheading a service project initiative to encourage students to give back to the community.

"The BIG Event is an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful service projects and make a real difference in the lives of others," said Dr. Jacob Patrick, a second-year master's student at FHSU and SGA president.

"It's exciting to see students come together to make a difference," said Dr. Patrick.

**FHSU students address hunger issues, food system strategies**

Several Fort Hays State University students recently attended the 11th annual summit of the Universities Fighting World Hunger alliance, titled: "From Poverty to Promise."

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**FHSU has face-off rival Nebraska-Kearney in NCAA Tournament opener Saturday**

Fort Hays State Men's Basketball will open its NCAA Tournament campaign against the Lopers of Nebraska-Kearney on Saturday at 6 p.m. at John Lance Arena in Pittsburg, Kan.

"It's a great opportunity for our team to showcase our skills and compete at the highest level," said head coach Tom Sander.

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