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## AGING MEMBERS, LACK OF INTEREST AMONG THE YOUNG



**Lion Floyd Hansen pins the new Downtown Lions Club president Chuck Hadley with his presidential name tag on Wednesday. The club has 75 members, but a former president estimates the average age of members is over 65.**

# Civic groups see decline

BY SARAH TUCKER  
The Wichita Eagle

On May 31, the Hypatia Club of Wichita disbanded.

Founded by Mary Elizabeth Lease, the Hypatias have called Wichita home since 1886. The club dedicated a statue to Lease earlier this year and in its early years was a strong advocate for women's rights.

Now, after 126 years, the club no longer exists.

"As we got older and did less, people weren't interested in joining us," said Josephine Brown, the last president of the Hypatia Club. She said the club was down to 15 members, including two who live out of state and four who reside in care homes.

The fate of the Hypatia Club is a situation many civic organizations

face today. Struggling with an aging membership and competing with younger generations' definitions of community, many groups wonder how long they can continue.

### Changes in society

The Haysville Lions Club is one such organization debating its future.

Phil Journey, a member since 1983, says the club is discussing whether or not to disband. Journey estimates the average age of members is over 65 and says it is sometimes difficult to get members — all 12 of them — to attend events, never mind trying to recruit younger members.

"As the age difference becomes greater, it becomes harder for people to make the connection," said

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**Mary Elizabeth Lease, whose statue stands near Century II, founded Wichita's Hypatia Club. The club disbanded on May 31 after 126 years.**

DEPUTY SUSPECTED OF SEX CRIMES

# FBI begins probe of alleged jail abuse

BY TIM POTTER  
The Wichita Eagle

The FBI on Wednesday began its own investigation of allegations of misconduct at the Sedgwick County Jail, an FBI spokeswoman said.

The development comes a day after the sheriff announced that jail deputy David Kendall, 21, had been arrested after being suspected of multiple sex crimes. Previously, attorneys have said that two inmates alleged that they had been raped by a jail deputy.

"We have opened our own federal civil rights investigation," FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton said.

Sheriff Robert Hinshaw said he welcomed the FBI investigation, adding that he has told the federal agency that if "their decision was to proceed with a separate investigation, we would give them 100

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OBAMA INVOKES EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

# House panel holds Holder in contempt

BY PETE YOST  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Setting up a potential constitutional confrontation, a Republican-controlled House panel voted Wednesday to cite Attorney General Eric Holder for contempt of Congress, just hours after President Obama invoked executive privilege — for the first time — to withhold documents demanded by the committee.

The party-line vote was 23-17 following hours of caustic debate. The controversy goes next to the full House, where Republican Speaker John Boehner said there would be a vote next week unless there was some resolution in the meantime.

Committee Chairman Darrell Issa of California

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## TUITION INCREASES

Undergraduate tuition per semester for Kansas residents effective this fall, based on 15 credit hours:

■ **University of Kansas:** \$4,000, up 5.1 percent; tuition compact program: \$4,395, up 5.1 percent

■ **University of Kansas Medical Center:** \$3,910, up 6 percent

■ **Kansas State:** \$3,659, up 5.5 percent; Salina campus: \$3,476, up 5.5 percent

■ **Wichita State:** \$2,603, up 4 percent

■ **Pittsburg State:** \$2,193, up 6.1 percent

■ **Emporia State:** \$2,051, up 6.2 percent

■ **Fort Hays State:** \$1,625, up 2.9 percent

TOUGHER TO GET INTO KU STARTING IN 2016

# Regents OK new standards for KU, raise tuition overall

BY JOHN HANNA  
Associated Press

TOPEKA — The University of Kansas will have tougher admissions standards than the state's other public colleges, and tuition at all of the institutions will rise by as much as 6.9 percent this fall because of decisions the higher education system's governing board made Wednesday.

The state Board of Regents approved a proposal from University of Kansas officials to boost entry requirements

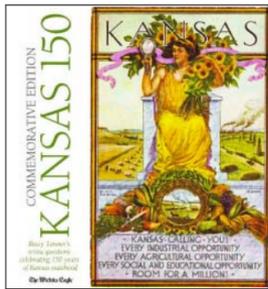
for freshmen, starting in fall 2016. Prospective students would have to earn at least a B average in high school to gain automatic admission, while others would have their applications reviewed by a committee.

The regents also approved tuition increases that are expected to raise an additional \$31 million annually, to help offset rising operating costs at the state's six universities and the University of Kansas Medical Center in

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## COMING FRIDAY

A commemorative 72-page section of Kansas trivia, compiled by Beccy Tanner as part of the celebration of the state's 150th birthday in 2011.



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