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# Fort Hays Kansas State College: Memorial Union Scrapbooks

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# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Fort Hays Kansas State College Memorial Union Students & Staff

**Title**

Fort Hays Kansas State College: Memorial Union Scrapbooks

**Dates**

1957-1967

**Extent**

2.75 linear feet

**Arrangement**

Materials in the document box are arranged roughly in chronological order; items within the scrapbook pages are arranged chronologically.

**Language**

English

**Access**

No restrictions.

**Abstract**

The two Memorial Union Scrapbooks in this collection are housed in one archival document box and one archival over-sized print box. The materials in the document box are roughly arranged in chronological order; items within the scrapbook pages are arranged chronologically. In general, the scrapbooks contain photographs, news clippings, event calendars, programs, brochures, news releases, and newsletters highlighting some of the major student and faculty activities held in the Memorial Union from approximately 1957-1967.

**Biographical / Historical Note**

According to the publication *Fifty Years Together*, Fort Hays State University Memorial Union, 1958-2008: "A student union for the university was first discussed during the 1939 Homecoming. During World War II, the old Gymnasium-Women's Building had been converted into a Social Building and served as the student center, but the need for a better facility was becoming evident.

With the end of the war, the Memorial Union began to inch toward reality in the spring of 1945 when, following approval by the Kansas Board of Regents, students began to pay a fee of \$5 per semester into the student union building fund. It is important to point out that the new Memorial Union – with a final price tag of \$851,600 – would ultimately be built at no cost to Kansas taxpayers.

With funding finally in place, students, faculty and staff watched with great interest as the Memorial Union evolved from a groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 12, 1957, to outward completion of the structure during the 1957-58 academic year.

The completed Memorial Union was dedicated on Oct. 18, 1958. Cody Commons, which had passed through various transformations, was remodeled and incorporated into the new Memorial Union as the food service center and went into use on Nov. 18, and the Reveille Ball opened the campus Christmas social season on Dec. 6 [1958].”

Other the years, major renovations to the Memorial Union have taken place. *Fifty Years Together* states: “The annex to the Union was completed in spring 1970, providing a large recreation area in the basement. During the 1982-83 school year, major improvements were completed to expand the University Bookstore into the basement of the Memorial Union and to prepare the basement for the Student Health Center, which moved from Sheridan Coliseum. The Student Service Center was added to the Memorial Union during the 1988-89 school year.” And on August 20, 2007, “after 18 months of construction, a ribbon-cutting ceremony...marked completion of the \$8.5 million renovation of the Memorial Union.”

### **Scope and Content Note**

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Box 1 contains loose news clippings, photographs, event calendars, announcements, programs, letters, progress reports, and menus from approximately 1957-1964; some materials are undated.

Box 2 contains loose pages from two different scrapbooks; one dates from approximately 1957-1964 and the other dates from roughly 1962-1967 with some materials undated. Box 2 also contains a scrapbook front cover of leather (21” x 24 ¼”) engraved “Fort Hays State Memorial Union” and also has an engraved picture of the Memorial Union building; edges of the scrapbook cover have a decorative leather stitching.

## Headliners

A number of popular entertainers performed on the campus of Fort Hay Kansas State College (now Fort Hays State University) during 1957-1964. These scrapbooks contain some publicity news clippings and photographs of the following headliners (this is not a complete list):

Performer	Performance Date
Mahalia Jackson	October 6, 1960
The Four Freshmen	February 12, 1963
The Limelitters	March 12, 1963
Celeste Holm	October 26, 1963
The Chad Mitchell Trio	November 9, 1963
Marian Anderson	March 2, 1964
The Gaslight Singers	September 24, 1964
The New Christy Minstrels	October 13, 1964

## Controlled Access Headings

### Corporate Names

Fort Hays Kansas State College

## Container List / Contents

<b>Scrapbook #1; ca: 1957-1964:</b>	
News clippings, event calendar, progress reports: 1957-1958	Box 1, Folder 1
Newsletters, event calendars, announcements: ca. 1958-1964	Box 1, Folder 2
News clippings: ca. 1958-1964	Box 1, Folder 3
Photographs of students, student and faculty events: ca. 1958-1964	Box 1, Folder 4
News clippings, event calendar, photographs of student events: 1959	Box 1, Folder 5
News clippings, photographs (Dr. M. C. Cunningham's birthday party), event calendar, menus, newsletters, news releases: 1960	Box 1, Folder 6
News clippings, photographs (homecoming, student and faculty events, headshot of Lee Castle), news releases, event calendars, newsletters: 1961	Box 1, Folder 7
News clippings, photographs (homecoming, student and faculty events) programs, menu, event calendars: 1962	Box 1, Folder 8
News clippings, photographs (student and faculty events), letter, newsletter: 1963	Box 1, Folder 9
News clipping, photograph of students with Santa, photograph of employees behind the Snack Bar: 1964	Box 1, Folder 10
<b>Scrapbook #1; ca: 1957-1964:</b>	
Ten advertisement posters for Casino Night (11"x14"): ca. 1958-1964	Box 2, Folder 1
Seven photographs, mounted on 11"x14" cardboard, of student and faculty events, Memorial Union employees: 1960	Box 2, Folder 2
<b>Scrapbook #2; ca: 1962-1967:</b>	

Forty-five (45) loose sheets (16"x18") of photographs (event headliners, student events), news clippings, event calendars, brochures, recognition banquets: ca. 1962-1967	Box 2, Folder 3
<b>Scrapbook #1; ca: 1957-1964:</b>	
Scrapbook front cover (21" x 24 ¼") is made from leather and engraved "Fort Hays State Memorial Union" with engraved picture of the Union building; edges of the scrapbook cover have a decorative leather stitching: ca. 1957-1964.	Box 2 (front leather cover)
Twenty-four (24) cardboard sheets (20" x 23") with photographs, news clippings, event calendars, brochures, programs, menus, etc., pasted onto them: ca. 1957-1964.	Box 2 (loose sheets)
One 14 ½"x20" green cardboard sheet of cartoon character wearing luau costume: ca. 1957-1964.	Box 2 (loose)