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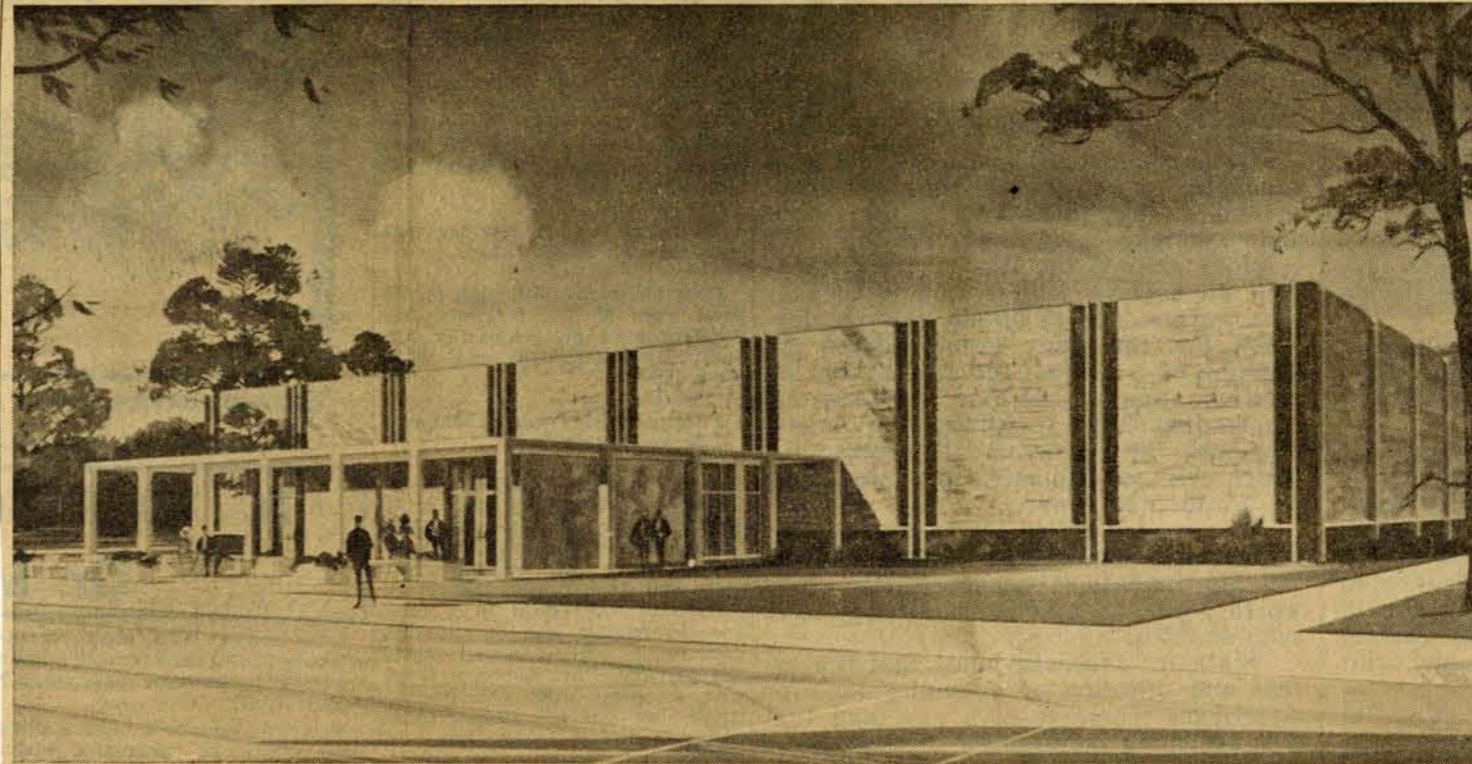
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Architect's sketch of new library at Fort Hays Kansas State College.

Bid Letting Is Expected This Summer

Fort Hays State College today received the green light on plans for a new \$1½ million library.

Rep. Bob Dole informed college officials that Fort Hays State's application for \$500,000 from the Higher Educational Facilities Act of 1963 had been approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The \$500,000 will be added to an appropriation from the Kansas Legislature to construct the library.

Woods and Starr, Hays architects, say their final plans will be completed in about 30 days, and will be sent to the state architect for review.

Bids probably will be let early this summer and construction can begin shortly after, said W. E. Keating, college business manager.

The limestone exterior building will contain two floors plus a basement totalling 105,398 square feet, contrasting with the present Forsyth Library which contains 28,929 square feet.

To be located south of the present building, the new library will be designed for the later addition of a third floor. Its design will incorporate the "open stack" plan with seating in the stack areas.

Other features will include individual student study areas, film library, documents room and special collection areas. The structure will be completely air conditioned.