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In 1920 the faculty and students of Fort Hays Kansas State Normal School decided they needed a print shop on campus to print college publications instead of sending them the print shop of The Ellis County News-Republican. The college purchased their first printing press from a printer in Victoria.

In the early days the campus print shop was run by students and funded by faculty. In 1922 twenty faculty members arranged the purchase of a linotype machine for the shop and in 1924 the college farm provided enough money to buy a second printing press.

Aiming for Excellence with the University Leader and the Reveille



During the 1980s and 1990s the student and faculty staff of the University Leader and Reveille Yearbook would produce some of the top student publications in the country.

From 1979 to 1980 The University Leader won a five-star All American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press three semesters in a row. In 1982 Leader ranked as one of top three university newspapers in the nation.

In 1996 Reveille was recognized as a Pacemaker Finalist while the Leader won the All-Kansas Award at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference. While in the 1997 Reveille would be awarded the Collegiate Journalist Gold Medalist Award and many of the students who worked on it would be honored for their journalism as well.

Printing in Living Color (Almost)



Many of the plates on display were used to make color images or reproduce color photographs. To create a full color image several plates would be made, one for each color being used. Each part of the image would then be printed one on top of the other to make a composite, full color, image.

Sometimes if the plates aren't perfectly matched the images can look burry. You can see this effect in the Kansas State vs. Fort Hays State 1949 football program.

Looking at the tiger image from the 1949 Football Press and Radio Brochure, can you tell what order the colors were printed in?