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Tomanek to open secrets of old box

Progress often results in the destruction of the past. In the case of Rarick Hall, progress may provide a glimpse of the past.

When the last of the walls on the Fort Hays State University classroom building came tumbling down, workers discovered a time capsule.

What it hides no one knows, but the secrets will be unleashed when University President Gerald Tomanek opens the metal box in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

All that is known about the box, approximately 9 by 12 inches, is that it had to be hidden in the wall prior to 1912, when Rarick construction was completed. Rarick was built as a model agricultural high school, reputed to be the first west of the Mississippi River.

It served Hays and western Kansas students more than six decades before succumbing to the wrecker's ball to make way for a new classroom building.

University officials have invited all interested to attend capsule-opening session Friday.

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