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October 20, 1985 3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

for the

ETHNIC STUDIES COLLECTION ROOM

in the

FORSYTH LIBRARY

Presiding

Dr. G. Garry Warren, Director of the Library

Representing the Ethnic Studies Project Dr. Helmut Schmeller, Director

Representing Fort Hays State University Dr. G.W. Tomanek, President

Representing the Volga German Society Dr. Daniel G. Rupp, President

Closing Comments

Forsyth Library provides research resources of over one million print items and 345,000 microforms. The print collection is divided between 325,000 items in the circulating and special collections and 680,000 government documents. In addition, the library subscribes to 2,000 journal titles, with extensive backfiles for many of these.

Of significance to the local community is the Ethnic Studies Collection, one segment of Forsyth Library's special collections. The purpose of the Ethnic Studies Collection is to preserve and to provide access to materials' recording the heritage of ethnic groups in Kansas. The Collection is particularly strong in documents relating to the Germans from Russia, notably the Volga Germans, but also contains materials on other immigrant groups in Kansas.

The Ellis County Volga German Association has provided years of leadership and encouragement in the development of the Ethnic Studies Collection. This support has been further demonstrated with a substantial financial gift toward the refurbishing of the Ethnic Studies Collection Room.

GENERAL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday — 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ETHNIC STUDIES COLLECTION ROOM HOURS

Monday - Friday — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arrange in Library Office for admission.

Other Hours — Make advance arrangements in Library Office.