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College Farm

9/6/78

To: Dr. G. W. Tomanek

From: John McCaugh

Date: September 1, 1978

Subject: Farrowing House

The Farrowing House did not survive the red pen of the Board of Regents. This is to recommend that this building be listed as an urgent capital improvement on future budgets and be given a priority second to none other. Our present building is old and its operation requires a considerable amount of labor and management to maintain an adequate production rate in the sow herd. Even though it is possible to raise pigs in this building, it is very difficult to teach swine production students modern techniques of swine production.

Inconvenience, however, is not my major concern. The present building is insulated with straw and has no heat. To supply heat we use an open flame space heater and infra-red heat lamps to warm the baby pigs. This situation is extremely dangerous, and the state fire marshal recommended after his inspection in 1976 that the straw be removed and the building be rewired. I am afraid that one of two things will occur in the next few months:

1. the state fire marshal will condemn our building.
2. the building will burn down and possibly kill someone!

The latter possibility, of course, is the one to be most dreaded. Attached is a copy of the fire marshal's inspection sheet.

Repairs on the old building would cost almost as much as replacing it, and I have been reluctant to spend any more money on its maintenance.

Thank you for your kind attention.

cc: Vice President Eickhoff ✓
Dean Thompson
Dr. Harris

KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL DEPARTMENT

INSTITUTIONAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Name of Institution Fort Hays State CollegeDate 7-23-76Building Farrowing HouseCity Hays, KS
JUL 20 10 25 AM '76

Fill in all blank spaces:

Use NA—If not applicable: PIPE DEPT.

(A) CONSTRUCTION

1. Type of Construction WOOD FRAME
2. Number of stories ONE Basement NO
3. Fire escape N/A Condition _____
4. Smoke tower provided N/A
5. Type ceiling material WOOD + STUCCO
6. Are stairways enclosed N/A
(Handrails—Door closers—Labeled sign)
7. Are there sufficient exit doors YES
8. Do exits open out N/A
9. Are exit doors equipped with panic hdwe. N/A
10. Are halls and exit doors properly identified N/A
11. Are doors approved for their location YES
12. Is building separated properly YES

(B) FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

1. Does building have a fire alarm system N/A
2. Is fire alarm tested weekly N/A
3. Is building sprinklered N/A
4. Is sprinkler system checked quarterly N/A
5. Date extinguishers serviced 4-72
6. Extinguishers needed NONE

(C) HEATING

1. Does heating system appear safe PORTABLE HEATER
2. Is hot water tank properly installed & vented N/A
3. Is kitchen equipment properly installed N/A
4. Is hood equipped with automatic extinguishing system N/A

(D) ELECTRICAL

1. Are circuits fused properly YES
2. Are outlets grounded NO
3. Too many extension cords N/A
4. Cover plates missing NO
5. Dirty electric motors NO
6. Sufficient emergency lighting N/A
7. Sufficient lighting stairwells & halls N/A

(E) MISCELLANEOUS

1. Oxygen stored properly N/A
2. Pressurized gases & bottles stored properly N/A
3. Is flammable liquid stored properly N/A
4. Approved paint spray booth N/A
5. Hazardous areas separated properly N/A
6. Are smoking regulations enforced NO
7. Are fire drills held N/A
8. Is evacuation plan posted N/A
9. Washer-Dryer properly vented N/A
10. Approved waste receptacles N/A

(F) DEFICIENCY NOT LISTED

RECOMMEND STEEL WHICH IS BEING
USED FOR INSULATION BE REPLACED
WITH AN APPROVED TYPE OF
INSULATION.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES NOTED ABOVE:

B-5- PROVIDE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS + ARE DUE FOR
HYDRO-STATIC TEST.

D-1 ELECTRICAL WIRING POOR - SHOULD COMPLY WITH NATIONAL ELECTRIC
CODE.

E-6 PROVIDE NO SMOKING SIGNS.

HOUSEKEEPING: Satisfactory () Unsatisfactory () If unsatisfactory—explain _____

Signature

Renee M. Ketchum