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SHERIDAN COLISEUM --- 1917-1973

The Final Varsity Basketball Game
Scheduled in Sheridan Coliseum

7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1973

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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Fort Hays State
VS.
Washburn University

An Era Comes to an End

Tonight's basketball game marks the final varsity cage contest scheduled for historic Sheridan Coliseum. Fifty-six years of service to college athletics will end for the ancient building this spring and a new era begins in M. C. Cunningham Hall and Paul B. Gross Memorial Coliseum, a new \$7 million complex scheduled to open in late summer or early fall, 1973.

Sheridan Coliseum had its beginning in 1915. What had been uppermost in the minds of many became reality when, according to the 1916 college yearbook, Reveille, "The legislature of 1915 granted the institution an appropriation of \$100,000 to be used for the erection of Sheridan Coliseum, now under construction, which stands south of Picken Hall. It will be the largest building on the campus and will contain the auditorium, gymnasium for men and women, showers and swimming pool, departments of music, blacksmithing, manual training and farm carpentry, gas and steam engines, and public school art."

The 1918-1919 yearbook (it was combined because of the aftermath of World War I) recorded, "The spirit and solidarity of the school have been expressed in a bronze table. It adorns Sheridan Coliseum, a big stone building on the plains, seating 3,600 persons, in which are given tractor shows, grand operas, livestock shows, oratories, automobile shows, dramas, basketball games, conventions, and tennis matches."

A picture in the 1917 yearbook shows the grand opening of the Coliseum on March 23, 1917. However, the first basketball game was not played in the Coliseum until fall, 1917.

Forward looking people existed in the early days of the Coliseum, the same as they do now. In the 1920 yearbook, the editor said, "What is born into the mind of men who not only dream but act finds glorious fruition in some form. When William S. Picken opened the school in June, 1902, he saw far beyond the building of an institution under his care. He had dreamed of an institution here on the plains of Western Kansas that should meet the great need for adequately equipped men and women and he at once set about the realization of his dream. President William A. Lewis succeeded W. S. Picken in 1913 and has carried on the plans for a bigger and better school with splendid success. The latest and largest addition to the group of buildings is "Sheridan Coliseum" on the south side of the campus. This new structure has been rightly termed "The Convention Hall of Western Kansas."

—Basketball Games—

It is estimated that over 500 college basketball contests and countless high school games have been held in the Coliseum. Several high school tournaments used to be played here and just this past month that program was re-born

when several members of the Mid-Continent League got together for some competition. Many will recall the high school tournaments played here and the dust storms that in 1935 forced the teams and fans to bed down in the Coliseum. Hays High and Thomas More Prep played each other and others for years in the confines of this building.

—Basketball Records—

Among the more interesting basketball marks established in and out of the Coliseum by Tiger squads were those of longest win streaks, 11, in 1948-50; 1950-52; 1958-59; and 1962-63; most consecutive home victories, 22, 1948-50; most consecutive victories in one season, 11, 1958-59 and 1962-63; and best won-loss percentage for one season, .860, in 1959 when the Tigers were 24-4.

—First Coach—

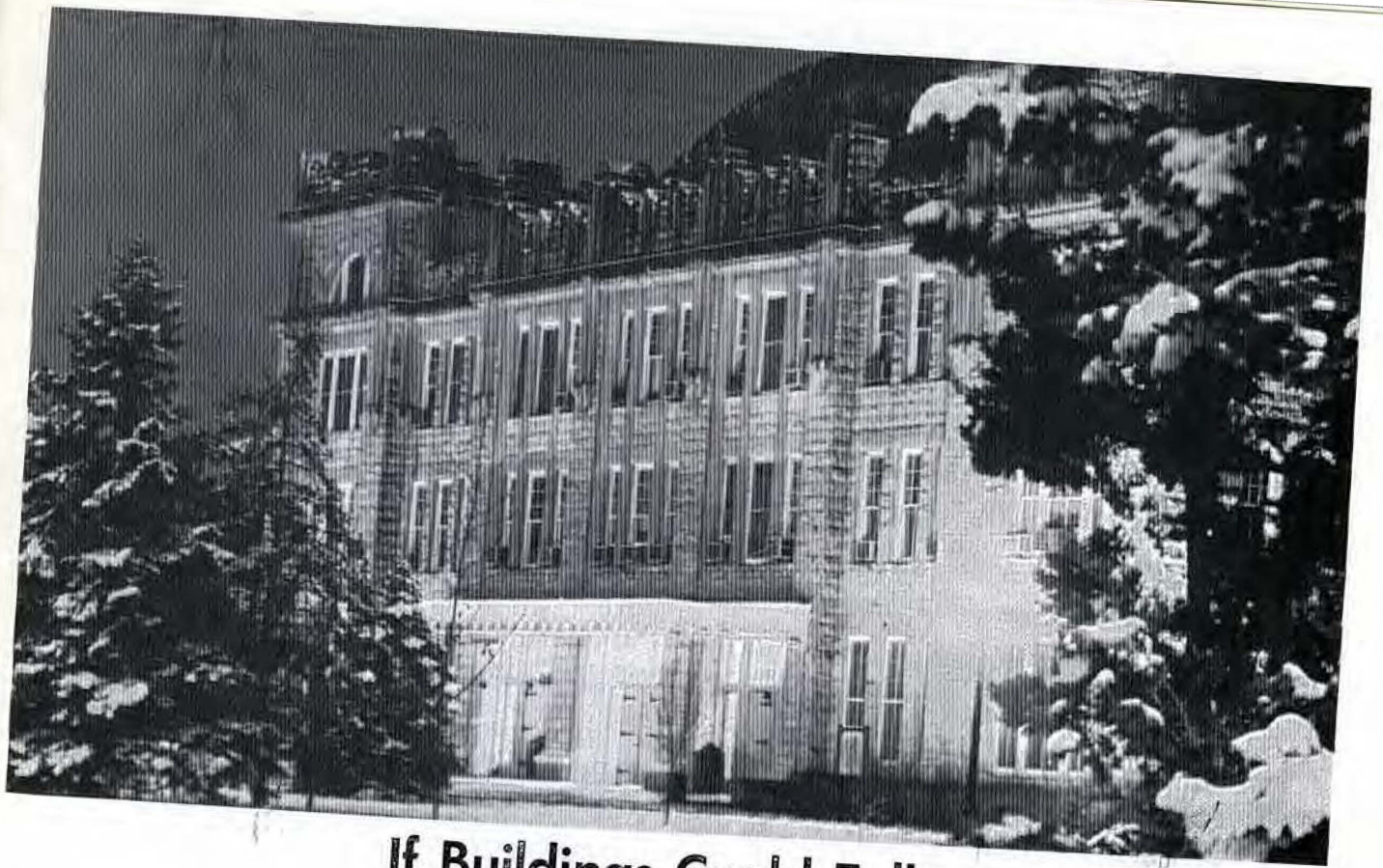
The first FHS basketball coach to field a team in Sheridan Coliseum was W. G. (Bunt) Speer. According to the 1918-19 yearbook, Coach Speer's team consisted of Robert Spencer, guard, Penokee; Glenn Archer, center, Great Bend; Ira Spencer, guard, Penokee; Ralph Archer, center, Great Bend; Granville Hays, forward, Alma; Oaklie Washburn, forward, Hill City; and Paul Gross, forward, Hays.

—Flood of 1951—

Many will remember the flood of 1951 which not only took a toll in equipment, records and furnishings in Sheridan Coliseum as well as other campus buildings, but also took the lives of six persons in the area. The Coliseum lost many of its contents but also proved to be a popular place for refugees during and after the flood. According to the Alumni News of September, 1951, "A few miles west of Hays, 11 inches of rain was poured onto the already water-soaked hills in 30 minutes."

—Future of Sheridan—

Though tonight's game ends all athletic competition in Sheridan Coliseum, the important old building will continue to be used for other purposes at least for the foreseeable future. There are no plans for major remodeling but minor work will take place and offices and classrooms will continue. Plans are for the continued use of the structure for musical presentations and other programs that lend themselves to the furnishings and acoustics. There is a possibility classrooms will be constructed within the confines of the present structure. Plans for the future of Sheridan Coliseum are indefinite at present but one can believe that as long as the nostalgic structure can be utilized, it will.



If Buildings Could Talk

What a memorable occasion that must have been on March 23, 1917, when she opened her doors for the first time to a full house. That was for dedication purposes, of course, but oh, how many times the walls have bulged since with "standing-room-only" crowds. People came from miles away in 1917 to see the largest building of its kind in Western Kansas. Some even said (she noted) that the legislature must have been "wacky" to sink \$100,000 into the construction of this "white elephant." I wonder what they think now.

She told me how excited people were when they discovered her swimming pool, her modern seating, the outstanding lighting, and all her other contributing aspects. She laughed when she thought of all the happy times her occupants shared and wept when recalling the losses suffered. She saw World War I end before she really became a part of the campus, watched sadly as World War II claimed some of her students, cried when the Korean Conflict borrowed more of her favorite people, and wept again when some of her finest people were called again to participate in a war in Southeast Asia. But she smiled again when she thought about the peace that is coming and was happy that her people, her young people, would not be called again unless extremely necessary.

Names and years flew by rapidly as she brought the past up to date. She talked of the many different ways she was utilized through the years by quick-thinking students and administrators. She welcomed thousands of freshmen (they're always 18 you know); heard speakers share their thoughts with others; hosted some of the greatest actors and actresses in the world; watched countless graduates take their place in society; saw young boys sneak in after hours to play that lovely game of basketball on her constantly shining floors; watched as young boys and girls met and fell in love. She was proud. But then, she broke down and the tears came again. She wondered about the future.

I told her this wasn't the end. Plans call for using her facilities as long as possible for events that fit the occasion and, after some minor remodeling, she will continue to make a contribution to the educational process at FHS. She was happy again. "Lights out," came a call from below and I wondered as I left when we would get together again.

Tonight's Game

Tonight's game marks the closing of an era as Sheridan Coliseum opens its doors to a Tiger basketball crowd for the last time.

Washburn University comes into tonight's contest carrying a 9-14 overall record and a 4-6 mark in Great Plains Athletic Conference action. Fort Hays State owns a 63-59 verdict over the Ichabods earlier in a game played in Topeka.

Washburn is led by guard Harold Brown and postman Gene Dodd. Brown is the conference's fifth leading scorer, carrying a 17.8 average in GPAC action. He is the top man on the totem pole in accuracy from the charity stripe, connecting on 26 of 29 attempts for 89.7 per cent. From the field, the 6-1 junior is in the ninth position, hitting on 48.6 per cent of his casts from the field.

Dodd, a Hill City native, is second in the conference in field goal percentage, sinking 62 of 109 shots for 56.9 per cent. Dodd is also number seven in the scoring race with a 15.6 norm.

On the backboards, the Ichabods are led by 6-4 sophomore Leonard Conkleton. In conference play, Conkleton has grabbed 8.4 caroms per outing, while overall he is averaging 7.3 errant shots hauled down.

As a team, the Ichabods are last in offensive output in the league, averaging 67.4 points per contest. They are first in defense, fourth in field goal percentage, fourth in free throw accuracy, and sixth in rebounding.

Rampy Bids Goodbye

Captain Troy Rampy closes out his home career as a Tiger basketball player after four years of service under Head Coach Chuck Brehm.

This season, Rampy is averaging 7.1 points per game and is the tops on the squad in assists with 77 for a 3.7 norm. In Great Plains Athletic Conference action, the senior guard has a 6.0 point per contest average and has dealt out 119 assists for a 2.1 average.

In his three years as a Bengal, Rampy has played in 57 games and scored 311 points for a per game norm of 5.5. In the rebounding wars, Rampy has grabbed 125 caroms from his guard position, giving him a 2.2 average per contest.

During the spring, Rampy is the starting shortstop for the Tiger baseball team. He has been a starter at that spot for three years. During his baseball career at FHS, Rampy has established a .242 career batting average.

Last season, he set a new Tiger record for assists with 132. He handled 187 chances with 15 errors for a .929 fielding average. He also had his best year at the plate last season, hitting .292 which was fifth highest on the team. He was selected as an honorable mention All-District 10 performer.

Affectionately known as "Wimpy" to his teammates and friends, Rampy is a business major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Rampy of Sedgwick, Kan.

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32-33	Larry Clark	F	6-5	200	19	So.	Hutchinson	Psychology
40-41	Ron Crowell	F	6-5	183	19	So.	Denver, Colo.	Physical Ed.
54-55	Brent Frack	C	6-6	215	19	So.	Ingalls	Undecided
50-51	Tom Halbrook	F	6-4	195	20	So.	Hutchinson	Physical Ed.
22-23	Cliff Haltom	G	6-0	155	20	Jr.	Colby	Business
24-25	Keith Harper	G	5-10	165	19	So.	Colby	Physical Ed.
	Steve Hennel	G	6-4	194	19	So.	Salina	Psychology
	Mike Mathes	G	6-2	170	18	Fr.	Grant, Neb.	Pre-Phys. Therapy
10-11	Troy Rumpy	G	6-1	170	21	Sr.	Sedgwick	Business
	Tim Rietzke	G	5-8	160	21	Jr.	Kensington	History
14-15	Chris Rorabaugh	G	6-2	175	20	So.	Ellis	History
42-43	Barton Snow	F	6-3	187	19	So.	Denver, Colo.	Physical Ed.
34-35	Greg Standish	F	6-5	205	19	So.	Goodland	Accounting
44-45	Doug Thurman	C	6-7	200	20	Jr.	Great Bend	Undecided
20-21	Bruce Wasinger	F	6-2	170	20	Jr.	Hays	Political Science
52-53	Dave Wessling	C	6-8	215	19	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Journalism
	Steve Clark	G	5-9	160	18	Fr.	Hays	Journalism
30-31	Gary Werling	G	6-0	170	19	So.	Hill City	English

Junior Varsity Basketball Schedule

DECEMBER—

1	Kearney State	Kearney
4	Colby	Hays
9	Washburn University	Topeka
12	Kearney State	Kearney

JANUARY—

13	Emporia State	Emporia
23	Northwestern Oklahoma	Alva

FEBRUARY—

6	Northwestern Oklahoma	Hays
10	Emporia State	Hays
13	Colby	Colby
17	Washburn University	Hays

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	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5
	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5
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WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

No. Player, Pos.	Field Goals	Free Throws	Fouls
	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-14-15	1-2-3-4-5
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OFFICIALS:

Referee—Glen Schmidt

Umpire—Gerald Gile



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Fort Hays State Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
10	Troy Rumpy	G	6-1	Sr.
12	Steve Hennel	G	6-4	So.
14	Chris Rorabaugh	G	6-2	So.
20	Bruce Wasinger	F	6-2	Jr.
22	Cliff Haltom	G	6-0	Jr.
24	Keith Harper	G	5-10	So.
30	Gary Werling	G	6-0	So.
34	Greg Standish	F	6-5	So.
40	Ron Crowell	F	6-5	So.
42	Barton Snow	F	6-3	So.
44	Doug Thurman	C	6-7	Jr.
52	Dave Wessling	C	6-8	So.
54	Brent Frack	C	6-6	So.

Head Coach: Chuck Brehm

Assistant: Bud Moeckel

Washburn University Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
11	Spencer Thomas	G	6-2	Jr.
13	Jim Wempe	G	6-0	Jr.
15	Roger Snell	G	6-2	So.
21	Mike Todd	G	6-1	Sr.
23	Leonard Conkleton	F	6-4	So.
25	Gene Dodd	C-F	6-5	Jr.
31	Stan Ostmeyer	F-G	6-2	Sr.
33	Tony Dosien	F	6-4	Fr.
35	Marion Carver	F	6-3	Fr.
41	Mit Winter	F	6-6	Jr.
43	Greg Ruder	F	6-4	Jr.
45	Harold Brown	G	6-1	Jr.

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Assistant—Galen Mote



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Head Tiger basketball Coach Chuck Brehm is in his eighth year as head mentor at Fort Hays State.

During his high school and college coaching career, Brehm has compiled a 225-136 record including a 81-78 mark at FHS.

As assistant professor in the division of health, physical education and recreation, Brehm came to FHS in 1965 after being named National Junior College Coach of the Year at Dodge City Juco.

He posted a 113-29 won-loss record at Dodge City through five years and led his team to the national junior college championship in 1965. Brehm also coached one year at Durham High School and two more years at Altamont High School where he posted a 31-29 record.

Coach Brehm graduated from Washburn University in 1954, receiving his B.A. in social science. While at Washburn, he was selected all-conference three times while playing on the Ichabod basketball squad.

In 1964, Brehm received his M.E. in administration from the University of Kansas.

Brehm and his wife Jane have four children, Rick, 18; Becky, 16; Randy, 14; and David, 11.

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TRACK

With seven All-Americans spotting the roster, Head Coach Alex Francis and his tracksters are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the 1973 track season.

Coach Francis and his thinclads again last season won the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference crown. This marked the third year in the last four that the Bengals have been on top after the tabulation of the points.

Leading the returnees are national steeplechase champion Jim Birnbaum and Jon Nelson, who finished third in the nationals in the 880-yard run.

J. D. Armstrong is back to defend his first place honors in the conference in the shot put, while Dennis Kozub readies himself for another run at a second blue ribbon in the 440-yard dash.

Sixteen lettermen return from last season's champions with the hopes of starting a new string of Tiger trophies in a new conference.

TENNIS

Head tennis coach Bud Mockel has six lettermen returning from his 7-8-2 team of last season.

Wayne Reiger and Dave Hewett top the list of returnees. Reiger last season posted a 10-9 record in singles competition, while Hewett garnered a 12-7 mark.

Reiger teamed with another returning letterman, Wayne Copeland to post a 10-11 mark in doubles action.

After finishing eighth in RMAC tournament action, the 1973 edition of Tiger tennis looks bright. All the experience picked up last season and the return of the lettermen sheds an optimistic light on tennis fortunes for the coming spring.

BASEBALL

Baseball at Fort Hays State in 1973 sees the return of 15 lettermen, six of whom were members of the 1970 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship team and from last season's 34-12 squad.

The infield appears to be set with Rich Maier handling the initial sack. Troy Rampy returning to man shortstop, Dennis Staab takes the hot corner, and Pat James again dons the "Tools of Ignorance."

In the outfield, Rod Ruder will fill the center spot for the fourth consecutive year, while the wings are in a toss-up state between eight hopefuls.

On the hill, Brian Bates, who holds Tiger records for most innings pitched and most strikeouts, and Vic Perri, who tops the school marks with the most wins, return to lead a deep staff.

If the Tigers find the championship form of four years ago, things could be rough for FHS foes.

GOLF

Five lettermen lead the charge for the Tiger golf squad this spring. Back for another year of action are seniors Terry Merrifield, Joe Kanek and Kevin Shaw; junior John Pekarek; and sophomore Richard Ahlberg.

Gold coach Bob Lowen indicates that the addition of transfers, freshmen and some squadmen back from a year ago will present excellent competition for the top five team spots. Scheduling is incomplete at this stage but Lowen indicated that he hopes the Bengals can play twice weekly following the March spring break. All home meets will be played at the Fort Hays Country Club and are open to the public.

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PAUL (BUSCH) GROSS

As March 23, 1917 was a big day in the lives of many, so will September, 1973, be a time of importance for many. Fifty-six years ago, people came from far and wide to help dedicate the newest building on the Fort Hays State College campus, Sheridan Coliseum. People from far and wide are expected again in September, this time to dedicate the newest structure on the FHS campus, M. C. Cunningham Hall and Paul B. Gross Memorial Coliseum.

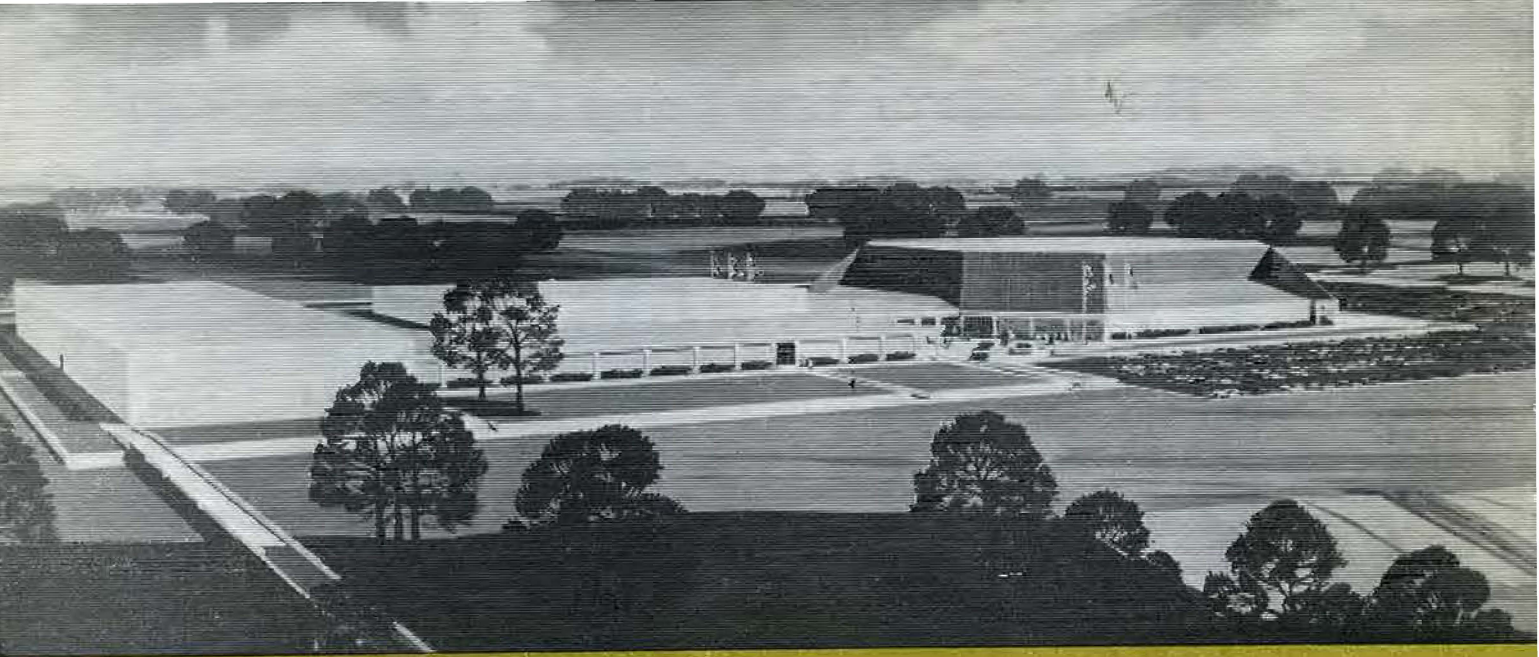
M. C. Cunningham Hall is, of course, named for former FHS President Dr. Morton Christy Cunningham, called by many the "builder President." Dr. Cunningham was a major reason the campus grew to its present size and stature. His leadership and dedication to Fort Hays State College and its students will long be remembered by those who knew him. M. C. Cunningham Hall is the Health, Physical Education and Recreation half of the new complex. Classes in those areas will be taught in new, modern settings and the intramural program will probably expand even larger. For the first time in the history of the institution, necessary space, equipment and adequate facilities for the instructional aspect of HPER will be readily available.

Cunningham Hall will contain classrooms, offices, four gymnasiums, eight handball courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, lockers, showers, restrooms, and additional instructional facilities.

The Paul (Busch) Gross Memorial Coliseum is named for the long-time basketball coach and athletic director at FHS. The late Paul Gross shared more than 35 years of his lifetime with Fort Hays State College and while an undergraduate here, was an outstanding athlete.

The new Coliseum is too real to be believed by many who have fought the battle for a seat in Sheridan Coliseum. Whereas 2,500 have been squeezed into Sheridan, 7,000 persons can be seated comfortably in the new building. It is estimated that 9,000 to 10,000 persons can be accommodated for an entertainment program by the addition of seating on the floor. There will be approximately 3,500 permanent, theater-type seats in the new structure.

A poly-turf playing surface will cover the floor of the Coliseum and a major attraction is the six-lane, indoor track. Adjacent to the main arena are wrestling and gymnastics workout rooms and a spacious room for the athletic trainer and his equipment. Wide ramps, restrooms and concession areas all contribute to the effectiveness and beauty of the new facility.



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