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# Fort Hays Kansas State College

Hays, Kansas

Office of  
ALUMNI ACTIVITIES  
CORRESPONDENCE STUDY



Apt. 20, Lewis Field  
Fort Hays Kansas State College  
July 14, 1960

Dear Classmate:

We are in the closing days of the Summer Session of 1960, and the Great Day is at hand. Two weeks from now the Summer Class of 1960 will be just a pleasant memory.

I believe our class is unique in many ways. In order to learn some facts of interest about us, I have compiled the questionnaire below. I hope you will answer it and either take it in to Mr. Harold Stones' office in Picken Hall, or give it to me on the campus. I will feed the statistics to our electronic brain (Harold) and it (he) will compile it in readable form. We will try to have it mimeographed before graduation.

Do not sign your name--unless you believe you are: the oldest member, the youngest member; been working on your degree the longest time, the shortest time. I would like to recognize these people.

Please answer TRUTHFULLY !!!

How long has it taken you to complete this degree? (years, months)

Your age to nearest birthday (confidential)

Your grade point (thus far)

Your occupation

Years in occupation

Who of your family has attended Ft. Hays (Parents, spouse, children)

What did you like most about Ft. Hays?

What did you like least about Ft. Hays?

Add any comment

Please return these as soon as possible so that the electronic brain can start digesting.

Sincerely yours,

*Bert*

Bertrand M. Ball  
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## FACTS AND FANCIES OF THE SUMMER CLASS OF 1960

These are some of the interesting data on our class. The first, I am sure you already knew:

The largest summer graduating class thus far

There are the same number of Bachelors as were in the spring class of 1950---40 more Masters, AND-----

A Specialist in Education !!! (The first from FHKSC)

Bachelors 154, Masters 58, Nurses 11

Average age 38.4

Span of years on getting degree 16

Average grade point 1.84

Class predominantly teachers - Average years teaching 13.4--36 longest

48% of the Bachelors have near kin who have attended and/or are attending Fort Hays--One girl has a mother and SIX brothers and sisters in attendance.

### Favorable Comments

FRIENDLINESS (nearly everyone mentioned this)--Convenient location--Artist and Lecture Series--Basketball--The campus and democratic way of life--Basketball--Friendship among fellow students--Pleasant instructor-student relations--Professional contacts--SOCIALIZING--Opportunity to broaden knowledge because of the wide variety of courses offered--Kindness of instructors--Beautiful campus--Working and studying with so many wonderful people--Dramatics--Wonderful spirit that prevails on a small campus--Wide range of research materials available in library--GRADUATION

### Unfavorable Comments

HOT CLASSROOMS (chief gripe)--Too much pressure on summer students--Instructors who assign an excessive amount of "busy work"--Lack of recognition for nursing students; they are seldom mentioned in school paper--Duplication of education courses. A teacher needs a general wide variety of subject matter and more knowledge in many fields--Too much direction; no time to pursue individual interests and studies--No recognition for summer honor students--Undue stress on grade point--Honors not recognized on diploma--Inconsistencies between departments--TESTS

I take this opportunity to thank you for helping to compile this information. Perhaps it will serve as a common interest for all of us who reach the culmination of educational effort this evening.

Bertrand M. Ball  
Class President