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FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

MEMORANDUM

To President Cunningham Date October 15, '57.
From W. D. Moreland, Chairman

Enclosed please find John Thorns sub-committee report to the Memorial Union Committee in regard to naming the rooms. His committee was composed of the following:

John Thorns - chairman
Dr. Welty
Bernie Horton
Mrs. Helen Francis
Gordon Zahradnik
Sherla Bizek
Norma Boyd
Ila Hobbie

I am sending a copy of this report to each of the Memorial Union committee members and expect to call a meeting in the near future.

I think John Thorns has done a marvelous job.

To - President Cunningham

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The Committee on naming the rooms in the New Memorial Union respectfully submits the following suggestions:

Building Theme: Kansas

Because this is a state institution with a rich historical background as well as a part of a progressive contemporary state, we felt the theme Kansas would be in keeping with the college objective.

First Floor:

Lounge: Sunset Lounge and Sunset Terrace

The room, bound by two walls of glass makes it possible to see the sunsets in the evening and since this part of the state is famous for its sunsets the name is in keeping with the relaxing comfort of the lounge.

The terrace, west and entered from the lounge, would have the name Sunset Terrace as it is a continuation of the lounge area.

Music Room: Meadowlark Room

The state bird is the Meadowlark and because the famous musical song of the bird, the committee felt the name would be apropos for this room.

Snack Bar: Trails End (See motion at end of these minutes)

This room will be one of the most popular hangouts for the college students. The committee felt all paths would lead to the snack bar.

Cafeteria: The Cody Room

The committee unanimously felt that the name Cody should remain with some part of the Memorial Union. Since the Cafeteria is incorporated in the new building but will be given a face lifting, the name The Cody Room has been suggested. This maintains the essence of the old name. The committee also suggests the use of the Wild Bill Hickok painting (Picken 204) be used in this room. General Custer

Dining Room: The Astra Room

The word Astra is taken from the state motto 'Ad Astra Per Aspera'. Because of the importance of the motto in state history, the use of the name Astra (Stars) would add dignity and beauty to this important room used for more formal dining purposes.

Card Room: Cavalry Card Room

The committee in naming this room recommends that the activity be designated and that Cavalry be added to maintain the emphasis on Kansas history.

Game Room: Arapahoe Room

Indian tribes were a part of the historical past of this state and one of the most active as the Arapahoe tribe. The game room as a center of activity best typifies this Indian name.

Second Floor:

Ballroom: Black and Gold Room

Because of the importance of this room in the social life of the students on campus the use of the school colors has been suggested. The duality of the area, allowing for division of the large ballroom into two smaller areas, could then be indicated by the Black Room and the Gold Room. The committee further suggests that the same decor be used throughout and only through some small way the emphasis of black and gold be used in the respective areas. (Ex. Black chairs and Gold chairs for the two rooms and when used together black and gold would be in harmony in the large ballroom.)

Faculty Room: Homestead Room

The cozy atmosphere of this area calls to mind the original Homestead of most Kansas Tracts. Recognition of the faculty's first rights to use of this room is reminiscent of the Homestead Laws.

Club Rooms: A. Prairie Room

This is suggested in keeping with the name of the other two club rooms.

B. and C. The Trails Room

(B) Smokey Hill Trail

(C) Santa Fe Trail

The obvious historical importance of trails in Kansas' development is used in this multipurpose area. Like the ballroom, a folding door divides the area into two rooms. The large room would be called The Trails Room; one small room The Smokey Hill Room; The other The Santa Fe Room.

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General Court Room

Court Room:

The committee is recommending that the
activity be designated and that Court be added to
maintain the continuity of the history.

Arguing Room

Arguing Room:

Historical records were a part of the historical part of this
state and one of the most active in the development.
The case was a matter of activity that requires this
Indian name.

Second Floor:

Black and Gold Room

Ballroom:

Because of the importance of this room in the development of
the building on campus the use of the name color has
been suggested. The quality of the area, allowing for
division of the large ballroom into two smaller areas,
could then be indicated by the Black Room and the Gold Room.
The committee further suggests that the name should be used
throughout and only through such walls as the support of
black and gold in the respective areas. (Mr. Black
chair and gold chairs for the two rooms and when used
together black and gold would be in harmony in the large
ballroom.)

Homestead Room

Faculty Room:

The very atmosphere of this area calls for the original
homestead of our former faculty. Recognition of the
faculty's first efforts to use of this room is recognition
of the homestead law.

A. F. F. Room

Club Room:

This is suggested in keeping with the name of the other
two club rooms.

B. and C. The Trial Room

(B) Samuel Hill Trial

(C) Samuel Hill Trial

The obvious historical importance of trials in Kansas
development is used in this well-known area. Like the
ballroom, a folding door divides the area into two rooms.
The larger room would be called the Trial Room; one would
room the Samuel Hill Room; The other the Samuel Hill Room.