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Groundbreaking For New Union At College To Be Held Tuesday

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Fort Hays State college Memorial Student Union will be at 9:30 a.m. next Tuesday, Dr. W. D. Moreland, chairman of the committee in charge, said today.

Equipment of the Hunter Construction company, sub-contractor of the Doolittle Construction company of Wichita, moved in on the construction site this afternoon to begin clearing trees and other structures from the area.

About a dozen trees, many of them huge cottonwoods, will be taken out. Dr. Kenneth Simons, superintendent of grounds at the college, said most of these trees are dead or dying. Several spruce trees will also go.

Removal of some of these trees will be difficult because from five to twelve feet of fill dirt covers the roots. The draw was filled in several years ago. Besides dirt, this draw was filled with concrete chunks, including pieces of smoke stack from the old power plant. The smoke stack lies east of the Student Union site.

Also to be removed from the site is the brick garage which has housed the college-owned cars and bus. This building, which has a four-inch concrete slab roof, will be torn down.

The site is between Cody Commons and the Applied Arts building. The basement will run east and west next to Cody Commons with the building proper extending north to within about 85 feet of Applied Arts. Cody Commons, the

college cafeteria will become part of the Student Union.

Charles Evans, senior from Hays, will be master of ceremonies for the groundbreaking ceremony. Students, alumni and faculty members will take part in the beginning of a "many year dream" coming true.

Excavation will start as soon as the area is cleared. A representative of the Doolittle company said it will take about a week to clear the site if the fair weather continues.

The public is invited to take part in the ceremony. Students will be free from classes on the regular assembly schedule. Should the weather be bad, speeches will probably be given in Sheridan coliseum and the spade-turning will be at the construction site.