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Christmastime, 1963

DEAR FRIENDS -



Gerald Ruttman is the new Director at the Memorial Union. Jerry migrated from his home in Denver, to Michigan State University, to the University of Maryland, and now to Fort Hays State. Although a Hospital Administration major at MSU, he worked four years at the student union and realized that this is the field he wanted. Jerry and his wife, Carole, are the parents of three children--Cavin, 9, Lory Jane, 4, and Jeffery, 3 months. Now that the East has come to meet the West, we feel that Jerry will bring good leadership in the future of the Memorial Union.

Continuing with the personalities of the Union, this is the third year Mrs. Betty Brandenburg has been on the staff, her first year as Program Director, last year as Acting Director, and this year as Assistant Director in charge of Programming. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Institutional Management from Kansas State University and worked on the Kansas State Union staff for two years.

Mrs. Helen Gallagher is also serving her third year on the Memorial Union staff as Assistant Director in charge of Food Service. Helen migrated to Kansas from Vermont. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Institution Management from her native state of Pennsylvania at Pennsylvania State University, and she is a member of American Dietetic Association.

The Fifth Birthday of the Memorial Union was celebrated with a gala weekend of events on November 8, 9, and 10. Coupon books with tickets for the weekend of events were sold to students. Featured events for the weekend included a dance and the Chad Mitchell Trio.

Approximately 60 students on 8 Memorial Union committees are an integral part of the Fort Hays State campus. These students plan, promote, and implement a full, always-expanding program for the Union and the college. The Union Board is a part of this. The members this year are: Ron Hosie, Chairman, Lynn Rogers, Dale Kirkham, Diana Light, Larry Loop, Richard McCullum, Jerry Sherrill, Miss Mary Maude Moore, Mr. Walter Keating, Dr. John Garwood, Mr. Ralph Huffman, Mrs. Betty Brandenburg, and Mr. G. E. Ruttman. The Program Council is now undertaking a survey to see how we can improve attendance at the Union functions and the Artists and Lectures Series. Needless to say, we are proud of our Union Board and Program Council. Along with the All Student Council, they are proving to be the backbone of Fort Hays State campus.

The Union Board is in the talking stages of an addition, endeavoring to make the Memorial Union a better and more efficient service to the students. We are discussing everything from bowling lanes, to a barber shop, to student organization rooms. What will come to pass only time, money, and hard work will eventually tell. We are open to advice and comments regarding our growth. May we take this opportunity to have you write us, talk to us, visit us. If it's just for a cup of coffee, a short or long hello, or criticism, you are welcome. Our being "The Campus Community Center" can only be realized with your help. Those of you who are directly involved from time to time with the Memorial Union may have some ideas to help us, and, therefore, eventually help you. Those of you that are not directly involved, but may know of something that can help us, please tell us. It will be appreciated.

May we wish you the happiest of holidays, and now that we have written you, it's your turn.

*Helen Gallagher*

MEMORIAL UNION STAFF

*Betty Brandenburg*

*Jerry Ruttman*