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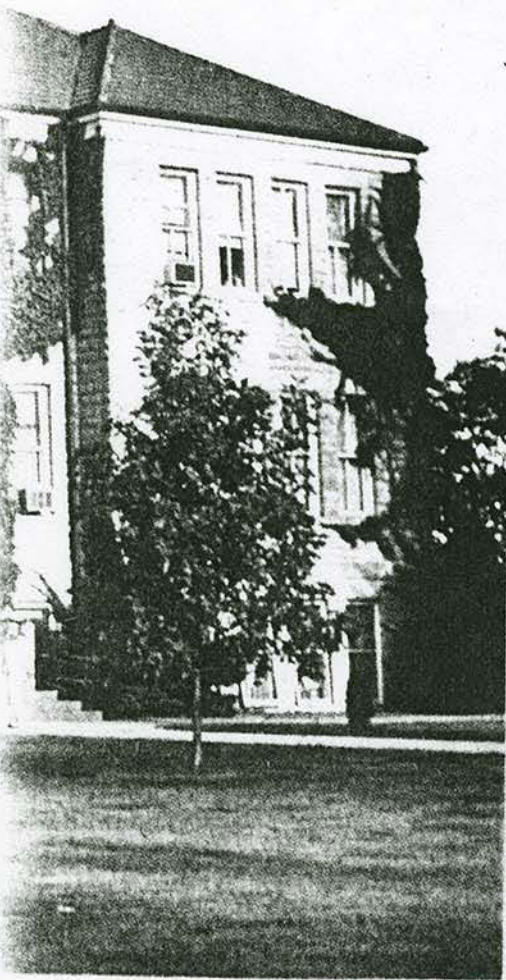
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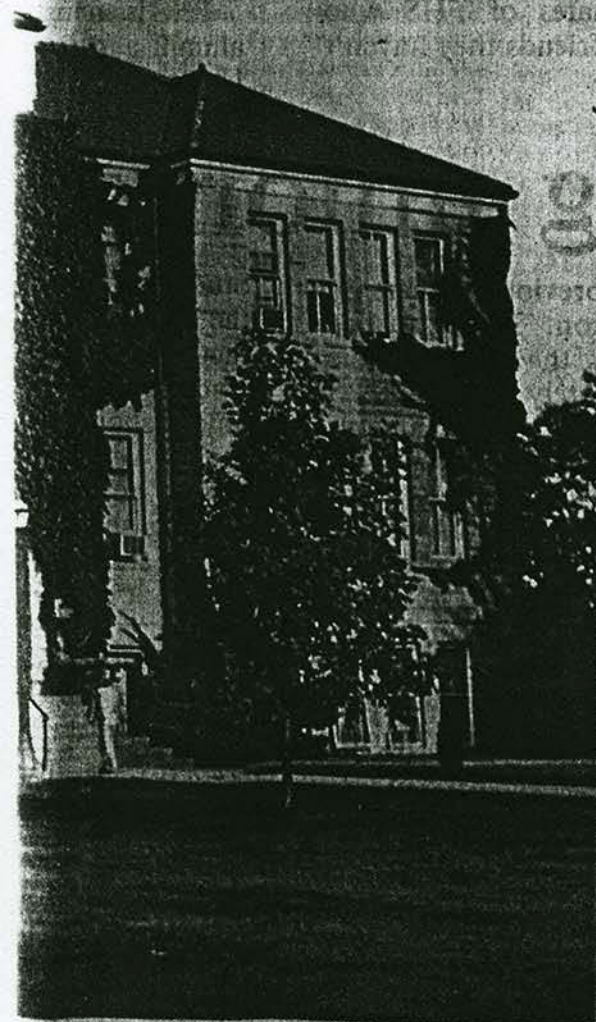
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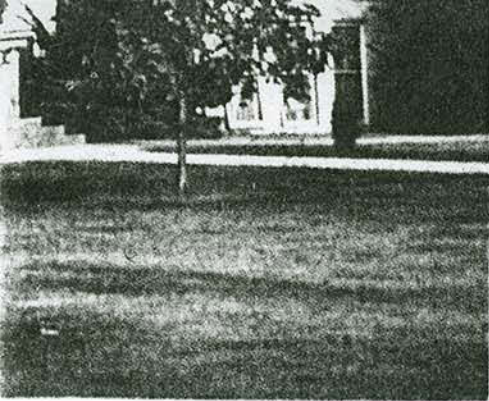
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8:00 a.m.	Registration in the Sunset Lounge, Memorial Union
All day	The Hays area Oktoberfest celebration based on local German-Russian heritage at the Hays South Park. The schedule of demonstrations at the park include:
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10:45 a.m.	Yesteryear Crafts (throughout the day)
11:00 a.m.	Scrimshaw
11:30 a.m.	Rosette Making
12:30 p.m.	Dance Demonstrations: (Polka, Waltz, Hochzeit, Schottische and Katzetanz)
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Bozeman said the building should be ready for occupancy for the 1980 fall semester.

Thus it seems appropriate to honor Rarick Hall in this special Homecoming issue. This may be the last opportunity for some FHS alumni to see a building where they may have spent many hours listening to lectures, taking notes, tests and getting an education for their future.

Even though Fort Hays State is saying goodbye to an old friend, Rarick Hall will remain in the hearts and minds of those students who spent many hours accumulating knowledge within its walls. But it is from those walls where wisdom was accrued, and Fort Hays State students made it into the world.

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- 3:00 p.m. Tole Painting
- 3:30 p.m. Goose Plucking
- 4:00 p.m. Wood Carving
- 4:30 p.m. Milking a Cow
- 5:00 p.m. Square Dancing
- 5:30 p.m. Robing of the Queen and Pep Rally—Lewis Field Stadium, followed by tug-of-war over Big Creek.
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni-Endowment sponsored Banquet

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Registration in the Sunset Lounge, Memorial Union
- 9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade, "Seventy-five years of Education and Service"
- 1:00 p.m. Pre-game ceremonies
- 1:30 p.m. Football game: Fort Hays State vs. Emporia State University
- 4:00 p.m. Post-game rally, Memorial Union Ballroom
- 8:00 p.m. Theater production, "The Fantasticks," Felten-Start Theater
- 9:00 p.m. Alumni sponsored dance: Memorial Union and Elks Club

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service, Sunset Lounge, Memorial Union