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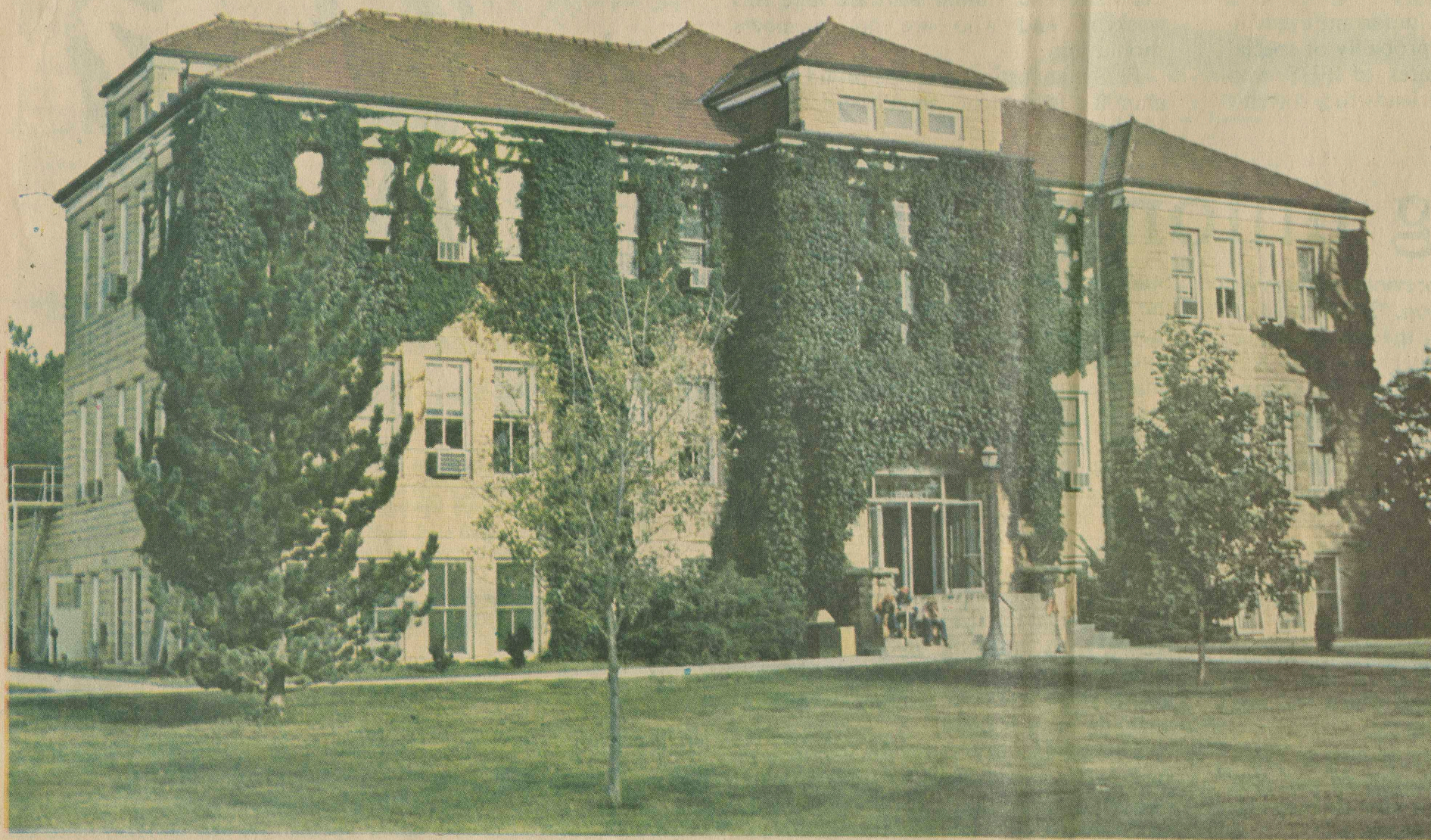
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This 65-year-old landmark of the Fort Hays State campus will be torn down next February and will be replaced with a 117,000 square foot classroom and

office building. Construction of the \$5.4 million building will begin next year and should be completed by August of 1980.

Rarick Hall: a final tribute

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If Rarick Hall could tell us what has happened over the past 65 years of its existence, we might be surprised at the massive changes which have taken place during the history of Fort Hays State.

Rarick Hall could surely tell us a great deal even though FHS was 10 years old at the time of its completion. But as time passes and the structure of a building weakens, the weathering ages the appearance, and the destructive termite eats away the once strong support of a once great building, the time comes when it must be brought down to make way for a new, stronger building which will promote better educational facilities for the future.

It seems fitting that a final tribute to Rarick Hall be made at this time when former students of FHS will gather for Homecoming, and the 75th anniversary of an institution rich in history has been celebrated during this academic year.

Built in 1912, Rarick Hall was the third building to be constructed on the FHS campus. It followed the construction of Picken Hall in 1904 and Martin Allen Hall built in 1906.

Rarick Hall is named after Clarence Edmund Rarick, FHS president from 1934 until 1941. Rarick joined the FHS staff in 1919 and was known for his widespread promotion of rural education.

Originally known as the Industrial Arts Building, Rarick Hall housed the home economics, agriculture, physical and biological sciences and geography departments. In 1953, the building was remodeled to accommodate the education and psychology departments.

Prior to the remodeling of Rarick Hall in 1953, a flood in 1951 filled the first floor which is partially underground and evidently the moisture is still present today.

Termites have moved into the structure, causing a deterioration of the walls.

Earl Bozeman, director of planning, said, "We treat the termites, but they come back in a year or two. We haven't gotten rid of them yet."

A study on the buildings of the six state institutions under the Board of Regents was conducted in 1971 by Louis Krueger, an architect who was at that time in private practice. Krueger was later named the state architect and resigned last month. An editorial had earlier appeared in the *Wichita Eagle* asking for his resignation or dismissal because of his alleged poor performance while in office.

The 1971 Krueger report found that four structures on the FHS campus

were obsolete. They included Rarick Hall, Sheridan Coliseum, Martin Allen Hall and the Power Plant.

On a scale of one to 100, Rarick Hall rated at 39, while the coliseum had a worse rating, 23.

"It (Rarick Hall) has wood floors and wood beams, so the floor is sagging," said Bozeman. "The plumbing is in very poor condition, there is no air conditioning except for the window units. It does not meet the building code in regard to exits and fire safety standards."

Plans to replace Rarick Hall began, and last fall plans for a new building were drawn up which included 120,000 square feet of space three stories tall. Fort Hays State was asking the state for \$3 million to begin construction for a new classroom with a total cost of \$6,400,000.

But last January, State Budget Director James Bibb cut the building plans from his recommendation to Gov. Robert Bennett. Bennett said at that time he planned to hold a tight line on state spending for capital expenditures, although the final decision would be made by the state legislature.

In March, the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee was to make a decision on the new building. However, the Legislative Post Audit Committee came in and snagged the chances for a new building at FHS. The committee said that because of declining enrollment the building was not necessary. It said that by 1980 FHS would have 240 per cent more space than we needed because our enrollment would be down from 5,000 to approximately 3,000 by 1980.

Contrary to the committee report, the enrollment for FHS this fall is up 375 from last spring. Total enrollment this fall is 5,678 students compared with 5,303 last spring.

The Post Audit Committee report sent FHS administrators and students to Topeka to try and save the desperately needed building to replace Rarick Hall.

But the Senate Ways and Means Committee still rejected the plans for FHS's new building in a vote of eight to one. Sen. Joe Norvell, D-Hays, brought the building proposal before the senate floor at the last possible chance for the building proposal to be approved. Despite the committee's vote of eight to one against the building plans, the senate as a whole reversed the committee's recommendation by a vote of 34 to one.

Even though the building was approved, the size of the building was reduced from its original size. The approved plans called for 117,000 square feet.

The cost for the approved building is set at \$5.4 million, with funds coming from federal revenue sharing and the Educational Building Fund.

The re-location of the Education Department from Rarick Hall will be completed between semesters during January, with main offices moved to Gross Memorial Coliseum, Martin Allen and Wiest Halls. The Psychology Department was moved to Wiest Hall last spring.

Bids for the demolition of Rarick Hall will be taken in the latter part of next January with destruction set for February, said Earl Bozeman.

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.

Petition filed to remove candidate

A petition was filed Tuesday with the Student-Faculty Court to remove Cindy Shirack, Solomon senior, as a Homecoming Queen candidate. The court will meet 4:30 p.m. today in the Memorial Union.

The petition, filed by John Mark Mathews, Greensburg junior, was filed in "representation of the interests of the student body."

It said, "The inalienable rights of the student body of Fort Hays State University have been violated by Cindy Shirack and her election committee to the extent that only through her removal from the Homecoming Queen election can equity be re-established to those whose rights have been violated. The candidate and her election committee have used inequitable and im-

proper means to solicit votes from the student body, this is contrary to all written, stated, or implied regulations set forth by this University and by the society of which we are a part.

"All campus elections are to be conducted in the highest ideals set forth by our free democratic society. Any attempt to obtain votes other than through strict adherence to the rules of the society in which we live violates the purposes of this University. The Student Bill of Rights states that this University 'exists for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, and the development of students and the general well-being of society,' it also states that 'students should exercise their freedom with responsibility.' "It is very obvious that Cindy Shirack

and her Election Committee have irresponsibly used their freedom in an attempt to exercise coercive force on certain individuals to obtain votes. This is so far from the pursuit of truth and so adverse to the well being of society that I am forced to bring this petition before the Student Faculty Court in order to seek equity for the student body."

Shirack is sponsored by Wiest Hall, and Wiest Hall Assistant Head Resident Dave Bossemeyer, Buhler graduate student, said "I can say clearly we were expecting it. There were a lot of comments from the opposition and it was brought to my attention as a personal vendetta against their candidate."

Mathews refused to specifically indicate what Wiest Hall and Shirack had done to violate the election.

Bossemeyer said he received comments in regard to the match books which were placed in the union during last week's election, but he said, "We couldn't stop them from taking them to the voting table. There were also complaints that the ashtrays (placed on the union cafeteria tables) were not in the form of posters."

Bossemeyer said Wiest Hall had decided to give \$35 to the party fund of the floor in Wiest Hall having the highest percentage of people voting, regardless of who they voted for. "All they had to do was vote," he said.

Mathews said he would be representing himself, and he was not representing any special interest group.

Tom Kuhn, Wiest Hall resident, said, "I think it's pretty petty. There's a lot of other things on this campus that deserve more attention than a Homecoming Queen candidate."

Ballots will be counted after court proceedings.

Union budget projects deficit

The Memorial Union has been operating with a deficit in its budget for the past several years and has a projected deficit of \$26,787 for the current fiscal year, Stephen Wood, union director, said, and this problem has been alleviated due to the Follett College Bookstore chain which began running the union bookstore last March.

Projected expenses for the union during the period from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 is \$207,678. Also, an \$86,300 payment on the debt of constructing the building must be paid during this period, bringing total expenditures to \$293,978.

Income derived from activities within the union and from the portion of each student's tuition fees is expected to be \$267,191.

"This year's budget with the \$267,787 deficit is one of the more solid budgets in the past several years," Wood said. "In the past, the bookstore was continually operating in the red and had lost as much as \$40,000 in one year."

"By ridding ourselves of the burden of the bookstore, we are able to help decrease the deficit, although it alone will not alleviate the problem."

The Memorial Union Policy Board (MUPB) will be attempting to solve the union's budget difficulties in the next few weeks, Wood said. Ways to increase income and cut unnecessary expenses will be explored by MUPB.

Wood hopes to trim about \$900 from the telephone expenses of \$3,350

for the year. Two lines and the Memorial Union Activity Board code-a-phone will be disconnected in the coming weeks, Wood said.

"The phone systems right now are more elaborate than I need," Wood said. "I am trying to trim unnecessary expenditures from the budget which don't affect the majority of students."

Wood added that he didn't want to see programs or services provided in the union to be reduced. "But a fine line exists between cutting something to save money and trimming something which may infringe on the programs and services offered by the union," he said.

The budget deficit will not affect the plans underway to re-decorate and re-innovate the union, Wood said. The cost of the renovation is not included in the budget, he said, but may possibly be financed through the sale of the bookstore inventory.

"We have no idea what the income from the selling of the inventory will be," Wood said, "but we are hoping it will cover the budget deficit from last year and the renovation of the union."

The problems in the union budget have been building for the past several years, according to Wood, and the situation will take some time to be straightened out.

Wood, who assumed the job of union director in July, said, "We can't turn around in two months what has been building over the past several years."

A major problem was solved when

Follett's took control of the bookstore, Wood said. "Running a bookstore tends to be tricky business and several colleges are experiencing the same problem."

Union expenses included \$158,098 for salaries for students and staff and \$49,580 in other expenses. Work-study salaries totalling \$15,800 are included in the union budget but reimbursed by the state. Major expenditures listed as other expenses are equipment and building repairs, insurance, telephones, equipment and building maintenance and household supplies.

Income provided through sales in the union included \$4,326 from administrative areas, such as the photocopying machine, \$23,800 in commission from the bookstore, \$35,000 from food services and \$33,265 from the recreation area.

A total of \$155,000 income for the union is provided through tuition fees. The union receives \$1.25 for each credit hour enrolled in by students.

Once the union is operating with a surplus, Wood hopes to see a reserve built up. This fund could be used in case a major expenditure, such as a breakdown of a machine, would occur.

"But right now, we are mainly concerned with getting the budget turned around," he said. "I don't operate my family in the red, and I don't want to operate the union that way either. I am comfortable with this year's budget but I am not comfortable with continual deficits."

Homecoming Schedule

TOMORROW

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:
10:15 a.m.	Macrame
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)
1:00 p.m.	Sheep Shearing: (Wool Carding, Spinning, Weaving)
1:30 p.m.	Needlework
1:45 p.m.	Coil Basket Weaving
2:15 p.m.	Sauerkraut Making
2:30 p.m.	Macrame
2:45 p.m.	Still Demonstration
3:00 p.m.	Toile 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
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