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FORT HAYS STATE COLLEGE HOPES TO FIND
STONE SCHOOLHOUSE TO RELOCATE ON CAMPUS

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FHS News Bureau

HAYS, Kan.---WANTED: One used stone schoolhouse.

Even though the day of the one-room schoolhouse is all but history, Fort Hays Kansas State College is looking for one. A special committee was recently appointed by President Gerald Tomanek to investigate the possibility of securing and reconstructing a stone schoolhouse on the Fort Hays State campus.

The interest in the school house idea comes from several reasons and sources. Perhaps the nostalgia craze in America is partly behind the idea, believes committee chairman Dr. Allan Miller, associate professor of education at the college.

A formal request was made by the FHS chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national education honor society, for a college committee whose purpose would be to examine the possibility of having a stone schoolhouse on campus. It was felt this would be another suitable project to help celebrate the college's 75th Anniversary in 1977, Miller added.

Superintendents of unified school districts and others who might have knowledge of a stone schoolhouse which could be relocated should contact one of the special committee members at the college.

Others on the schoolhouse relocation committee besides Miller are

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Dr. Robert Luehrs, associate professor of history; Dr. Nancy Vogel, associate professor of English; Dr. William Robinson, professor of education; Dr. John Garwood, dean of instruction; Earl Bozeman, director of Campus Planning; Ann Gustad, history graduate student; and Larry Thomas, education graduate student.

Actually, the idea of relocating a schoolhouse to a college campus is not new. Emporia Kansas State College relocated a Marion County stone schoolhouse in the late 1960's. It was disassembled, the pieces were marked for reconstruction and it was transported to the Emporia campus.

Since Emporia State moved the schoolhouse, the local public school district has actually held classes in the building, complete with the "hickory stick" and "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic."

The Fort Hays State committee hopes to locate the school this year and have it ready for removal to a permanent campus site by next September. The committee hopes to relocate the school in an area with "high visibility," close to the old fort and new sports complex in the southwest section of the present campus.

Besides Phi Delta Kappa, the FHS Alumni Assn. and the FHS Endowment Assn. will be asked to support the stone building project, Miller said.

Even though the days of the old stone schoolhouse are almost gone, this Fort Hays State College project hopes to make certain they will not be forgotten.