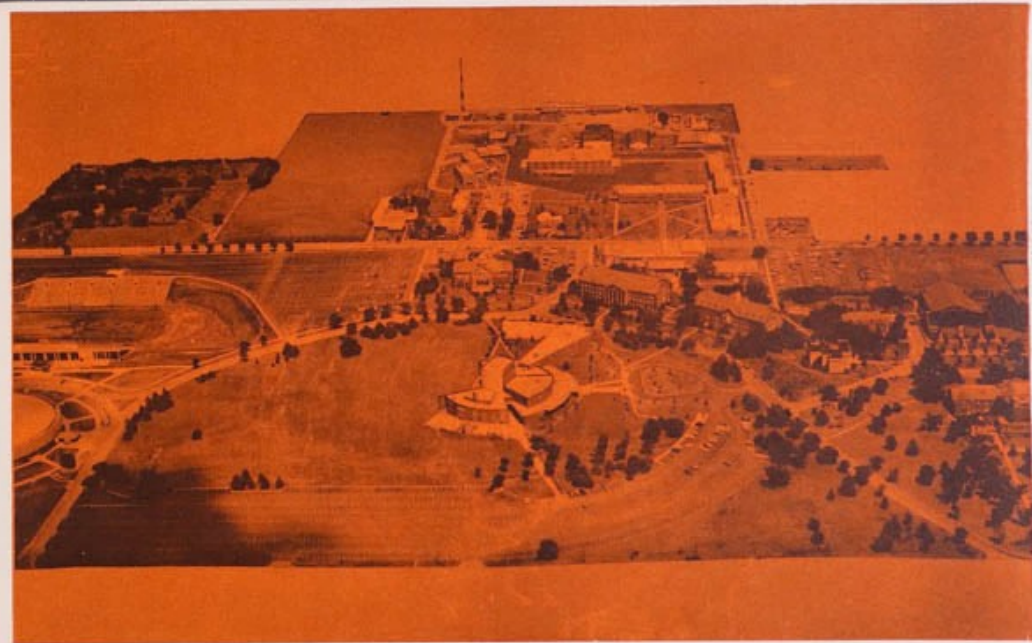


An act of faith

THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA WAS CREATED BY
A REFERENDUM VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF
WICHITA ON APRIL 24, 1926. IN JUNE OF THE
SAME YEAR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FAIR-
MOUNT COLLEGE, FOUNDED IN 1895 UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
FORMALLY DEEDED THE PROPERTY OF THE
COLLEGE TO THE UNIVERSITY.

THE UNIVERSITY IS ORGANIZED INTO THE FOLLOW-
ING COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS AND SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
GRADUATE SCHOOL
SUMMER SCHOOL



FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, WHEN THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED ITS FIRST STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 91 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF KANSAS LIVED IN THE EASTERN ONE-THIRD OF THE STATE.

TODAY THERE ARE 326,818 YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 20 LIVING IN THE 39 COUNTIES OF SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN WHOSE HIGHER EDUCATION IS THE SUBJECT OF CONCERN OF THIS BOOKLET.

IN THESE TIMES OF GREAT MORAL AND POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE WORLD, IT IS OF THE GREATEST CONCERN THAT EDUCATION OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY AT THE LOWEST REASONABLE COST BE OFFERED OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

LOCATION OF A STATE UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN KANSAS WOULD BRING EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AT EQUAL COST TO CHILDREN IN THAT GROWING CENTER OF POPULATION. USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA AS A STATE UNIVERSITY WOULD OFFER OBVIOUS ECONOMIES TO A STATE SYSTEM WHICH MUST PREPARE FOR DOUBLE THE LOAD OF STUDENTS IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS.

OTHER STATES ARE TAKING NOTICE OF GROWING CENTERS OF POPULATION IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING.

AMONG MANY EXAMPLES WHICH COULD BE NOTED, MISSOURI IS DISCUSSING EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI INTO KANSAS CITY AND HAS INITIATED OPERATIONS IN ST. LOUIS. FLORIDA ALREADY HAS MOVED INTO TAMPA WITH ITS FOURTH STATE UNIVERSITY, WILL OPEN A FIFTH IN 1964 AT PALM BEACH, AND IS PLANNING A SIXTH AT PENSACOLA.

MICHIGAN HAS MADE WAYNE UNIVERSITY A STATE SCHOOL, NEW YORK HAS TAKEN IN THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, AND TEXAS HAS MADE A STATE UNIVERSITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IN ADDITION TO ITS CAMPUSES AT BERKELEY AND LOS ANGELES, IS ENLARGING FOUR CAMPUSES AT SAN FRANCISCO, DAVIS, SANTA BARBARA, AND RIVERSIDE AND CREATING THREE ENTIRELY NEW UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AT SAN DIEGO, SANTA CRUZ, AND IRVINE.

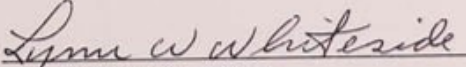
AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITIES WARN US THAT EIGHT OUT OF TEN CHILDREN ON THE FARMS TODAY MUST PLAN TO FIND EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE, BECAUSE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL METHODS AND FARM MECHANIZATION. MOST OF THESE NEW OPPORTUNITIES MUST BE FOUND IN INDUSTRY.

MUCH OF THE STATE'S FUTURE PROSPERITY WILL DEPEND ON OUR PREPARATIONS NOW. INDUSTRY REQUIRES WELL-TRAINED PEOPLE AND THE STATE'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX NEEDS THE FACILITIES OF AN URBAN UNIVERSITY IF IT IS TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN THE ECONOMY OF KANSAS.

IF KANSAS IS GOING TO HOLD ON TO ITS YOUNG PEOPLE, THEN KANSAS MUST OFFER NEW OPPORTUNITIES. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE FOUND IN GREATEST NUMBER IN THE CENTERS OF POPULATION.

GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA HAVE TENDED TO REMAIN IN KANSAS. THIS, PLUS THE FACT THAT STUDENTS NORMALLY ATTEND THE SCHOOLS NEAREST THEM, ARGUES STRONGLY FOR LOCATION OF A STATE UNIVERSITY NEAR ONE OF THE STATE'S LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES YOU WILL FIND A STATEMENT OF THE CASE FOR ACTION BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE TO BRING EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AT EQUAL COST TO THE CHILDREN OF SOUTHWESTERN AND SOUTHCENTRAL KANSAS.


LYNN W. WHITESIDE, PRESIDENT
CITIZENS FOR A STATE UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN KANSAS

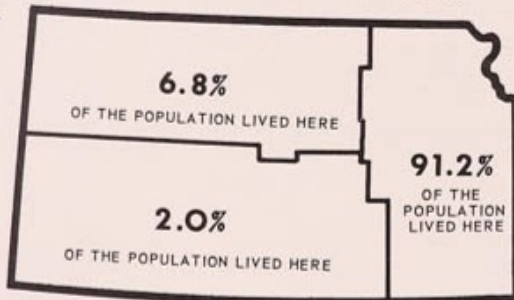
IN 1870 . . .

VIRTUALLY ALL KANSANS LIVED IN THE EASTERN THIRD OF THE STATE.

WITH OBVIOUS DEFERENCE TO THE LOCATION OF THE STATE'S POPULATION, THE LEGISLATURE PLACED THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN MANHATTAN IN 1863, FOLLOWED BY THE LOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS AT LAWRENCE AND THE FIRST TEACHERS COLLEGE AT EMPORIA.

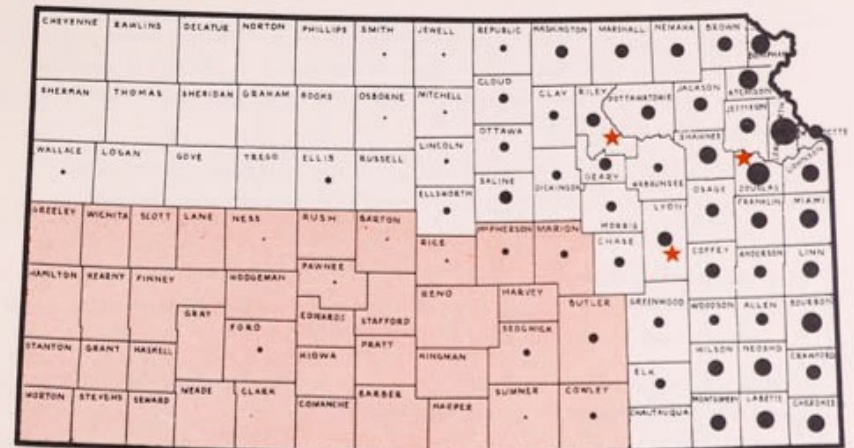
THESE INSTITUTIONS WERE LOCATED IN THE THEN CENTERS OF THE STATE'S POPULATION.

WHEN THE STATE CREATED ITS FIRST THREE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ONLY 7,448 PERSONS LIVED IN ALL OF SOUTH-CENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - - 2.0 PER CENT OF THE STATE'S TOTAL POPULATION.



SOURCE: 10TH CENSUS DEPT OF INTERIOR - 1883

CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION - 1870



★ STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES
● SIZE INDICATES CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION

BY 1900

KANSAS WAS STILL LARGELY RURAL IN CHARACTER. NORTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS HAD ENJOYED SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH.

IN JANUARY OF 1895, THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE ASKED CONGRESS TO CONTRIBUTE THE FORT HAYS MILITARY RESERVATION TO THE STATE OF KANSAS IN PART SO THAT A COLLEGE TO SERVE THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE STATE COULD BE LOCATED THERE. THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDED THIS PARAGRAPH:

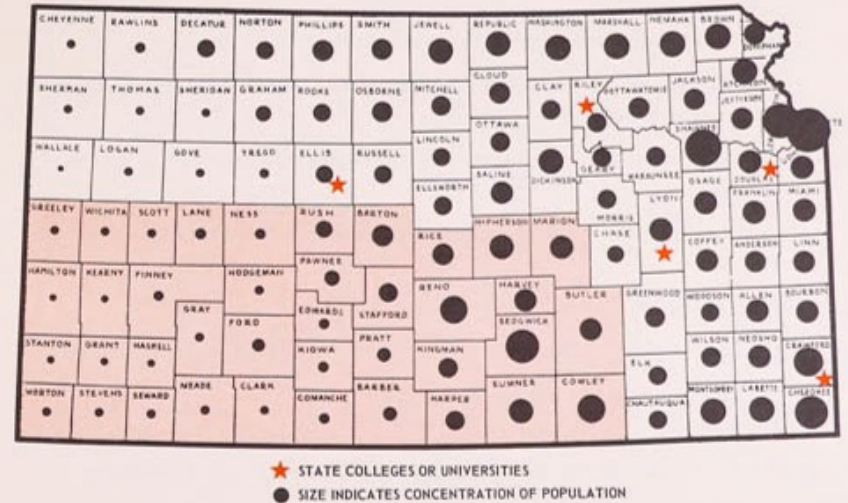
"WHEREAS, THE LOCATION OF A BRANCH OF THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT THIS PLACE WOULD BE CENTRAL AND CONVENIENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE STATE."

FOLLOWING ACTION BY CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE IN 1901 CREATED THE INSTITUTION NOW KNOWN AS FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE. SOON THEREAFTER THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED WHAT IS NOW KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF PITTSBURG.

THESE ACTS BY THE LEGISLATURE CLEARLY PLACED THESE COLLEGES WHERE THEY COULD BEST SERVE NEWLY-DEVELOPED CONCENTRATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

AT THIS TIME IN HISTORY, SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS HAD A POPULATION OF 334,611 PERSONS, STILL ONLY 22.8 PER CENT OF THE STATE'S TOTAL.

CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION - 1900



1960

IN NO OTHER MIDWEST STATE HAS THE PATTERN OF POPULATION SHIFTED AS IT HAS IN KANSAS.

- IN THE EARLY DAYS OF NEBRASKA HISTORY, THE CENTER OF POPULATION OF THAT STATE WAS AROUND OMAHA AND LINCOLN, AS IT IS TODAY.
- IN OKLAHOMA, THE CONCENTRATION OF HEAVIEST POPULATION HAS REMAINED AROUND TULSA AND OKLAHOMA CITY.
- COLORADO POPULATION HAS REMAINED CENTERED AROUND DENVER AND COLORADO SPRINGS.
- MISSOURI STILL HAS ITS LARGEST CENTERS OF POPULATION AT ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY.
- IOWA'S LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION STILL IS AT DES MOINES.

NO NEW LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF POPULATION HAVE DEVELOPED IN THESE STATES SINCE THEIR EARLY STATEHOOD.

NOT SO IN KANSAS.

IN 1960 NEARLY 40 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION LIVED IN SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS.

CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION - 1960



★ STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES
● SIZE INDICATES CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION

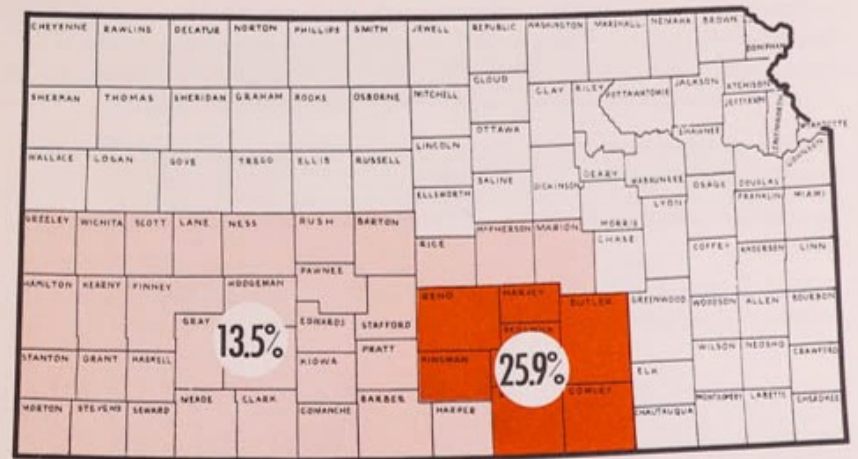
ACCORDING TO THE 1960 UNITED STATES CENSUS, 39.4 PER CENT OF ALL CHILDREN IN KANSAS UNDER THE AGE OF 20 LIVE IN SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS.

OF ALL KANSAS CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 20, 25.9 PER CENT LIVE IN SEVEN ADJOINING SOUTHCENTRAL COUNTIES - - BUTLER, COWLEY, SUMNER, KINGMAN, RENO, HARVEY, AND - - AT THE CENTER - - SEDGWICK.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCATION OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE STATE WAS EMPHASIZED IN "THE HISTORY OF KANSAS STATE COLLEGE AT MANHATTAN," WHERE, ON PAGE 231, IT IS STATED:

"A FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATION IN THE WHOLE MATTER IS THAT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH HIGHER EDUCATION IS TO BE OFFERED AND THE FAIRNESS WITH WHICH OPPORTUNITIES FOR IT ARE TO BE CREATED. IT IS A MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT AT ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION A CONSIDERABLE FRACTION OF THE TOTAL STUDENT BODY COMES FROM THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OR THE NUMBER OF POINTS AT WHICH INSTRUCTION IN A GIVEN SUBJECT MAY BE OBTAINED MUST NECESSARILY CUT DOWN GREATLY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE INSTITUTIONS AND IN THE SUBJECTS; THAT IS, FEWER STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED."

39.4% OF ALL KANSAS CHILDREN UNDER 20 LIVE IN 39 SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN COUNTIES



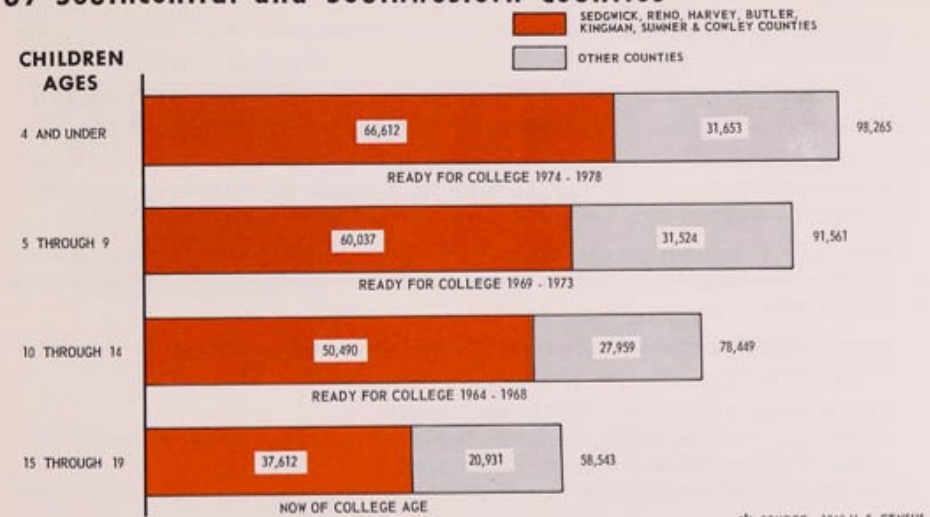
THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN IN SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR FUTURE HIGHER EDUCATION, THE SOLUTIONS OF WHICH ARE BEYOND RESOURCES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES. A STATE UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN KANSAS AND FURTHER STATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES WILL HELP PROVIDE A NEEDED SOLUTION.

THE 1960 UNITED STATES CENSUS SHOWS THAT 326,818 CHILDREN UNDER 20 LIVE IN SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS.

IN THE SEVEN SOUTHCENTRAL COUNTIES ALONE, THERE ARE 214,751 CHILDREN IN ALL AGE GROUPS UNDER 20.

THE GREATER NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS POINT UP THE PROGRESSIVE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM.

KANSAS CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS 39 Southcentral and Southwestern Counties*



* SOURCE: 1960 U. S. CENSUS

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE MUST EARN ALL OR PART OF THEIR TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES IN ORDER TO ATTEND COLLEGE.

THIS IS EASILY UNDERSTOOD WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ALL KANSAS FAMILIES HAVE A DISPOSABLE INCOME OF LESS THAN \$5,000.

IN THE WICHITA AREA, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT EXISTS TO A DEGREE NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE. THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK OFTEN COINCIDE WITH THE STUDENT'S CHOSEN ACADEMIC FIELD.

MANY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, FOR EXAMPLE, HELP EARN THEIR WAY BY TEACHING HUNDREDS OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AREA IN THE AFTERNOONS AND ON SATURDAYS. MANY ALSO EARN MONEY AS CHURCH SOLOISTS, ORGANISTS, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE WICHITA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

SEVENTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA STUDENT BODY ENROLLED IN THE SPRING SEMESTER, 1961, FOUND EMPLOYMENT TO HELP PAY FOR THEIR EDUCATION. FORTY-THREE PER CENT WORKED 40 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK.

JOHN SJO, KANSAS STATE ECONOMIST, ESTIMATES IN THE 4-H JOURNAL, THAT AT LEAST HALF OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK PART- OR FULL-TIME TO HELP FINANCE THEIR EDUCATIONS.

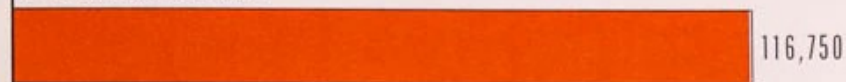
THE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY OF KANSAS STATES:

"OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED KANSAS YOUTH CONSISTENT WITH THEIR ABILITIES, INTERESTS AND RESOURCES."

THE AVAILABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT MAY WELL DETERMINE WHETHER A STUDENT TRULY HAS THAT OPPORTUNITY.

OFF-CAMPUS JOB COMPARISON

SEDGWICK COUNTY



5 STATE SCHOOL OFF-CAMPUS TOTALS



GREATER PITTSBURG	12,800	LAWRENCE	10,900
HAYS	4,700	EMPORIA	6,400
MANHATTAN	8,500		

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, STATE LABOR DEPT.

THE MAY, 1960, REPORT TO THE KANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON THE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY OF KANSAS INDICATES THE DIFFICULTY FACING COLLEGE STUDENTS:

"IN THE PAST FEW YEARS TUITION CHARGES HAVE TENDED TO RISE, LIVING COSTS HAVE INCREASED GREATLY, AND THE OVER-ALL COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE OFTEN PRICED COLLEGE ATTENDANCE OUT OF THE MARKET."

IT IS IRONIC THAT STUDENTS WHO SEEK AN EDUCATION WHERE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE CAN BE FOUND MUST PAY TWO OR TWO-AND-A-HALF TIMES THE TUITION PAID BY KANSAS STUDENTS ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

COMPARATIVE TUITION AND FEES RESIDENTS OF KANSAS

UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA from wichita \$200.50 from outside wichita \$238.00	KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE - EMPORIA \$ 74.50
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.....\$104.00	KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF PITTSBURG \$ 71.00
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.....\$104.00	FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE \$ 77.00

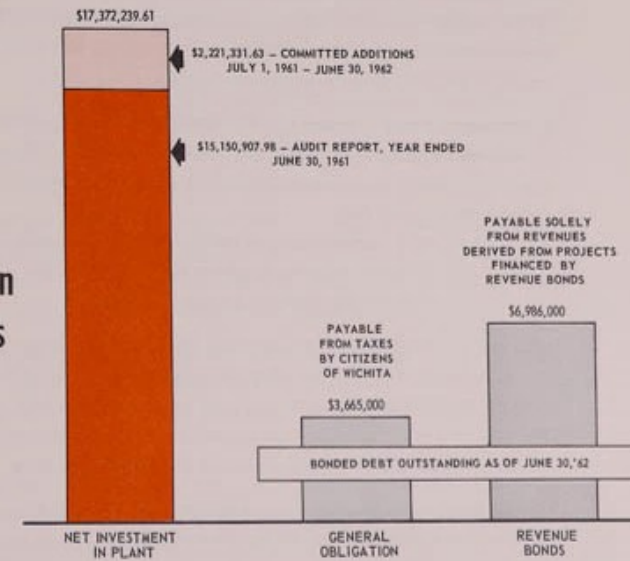
TUITION AND FEES ARE FOR ONE SEMESTER STUDENTS CARRYING 15 HOURS

UPON INCORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA IN THE STATE SYSTEM, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA WOULD TRANSFER TO THE STATE ITS CAMPUS, COMPRISING 34 BUILDINGS, AND 140 ACRES OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ASSETS.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT WICHITA WOULD CONTINUE IN BEING FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEVYING LOCAL TAXES UNTIL ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ARE RETIRED. REVENUE BONDS WHICH COMPRISE THE REMAINDER OF INDEBTEDNESS, ARE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM INCOME FROM THE PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED, AND CANNOT BECOME A DIRECT OBLIGATION OF THE STATE.

IN EFFECT, THE STATE WILL ASSUME NO DIRECT OBLIGATION FOR INDEBTEDNESS IN ACCEPTING THE UNIVERSITY AS PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM.

UNIVERSITY of WICHITA net investment in plant and bonds outstanding



"KANSAS HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PREPARING FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE NUMBER CURRENTLY BEING TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE," SAYS THE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY OF KANSAS OF 1960, AND IT ADDS: "THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN A CENTURY OF STATEHOOD WILL HAVE TO EXPAND AND BE ADJUSTED DURING THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS TO ACCOMMODATE DOUBLE THE LOAD."

A STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1961, MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE ADDITIONAL THOUSANDS OF YOUNG KANSANS WHO WILL BE SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE AT OUR PRESENT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. HE SAID:

- 1) "THE TIDE OF STUDENTS HAS OVERFLOWED INTO BASEMENTS, BARRACKS AND HOTELS. . ."
- 2) "BESIDES IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE FORM OF BUDGET AND BUILDING REQUESTS, THE REGENTS ARE SEEKING LONG-RANGE ANSWERS."

SINCE THE STATE MUST PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND FACULTY IN CONTINUING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PART OF SUCH EXPANSION TO BE PLANNED TO SERVE AN AREA WHICH HAS SUCH A HIGH PROPORTION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE STATE. CREATION OF A STATE UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN KANSAS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES WOULD GO FAR TOWARD ACHIEVING EQUITABLE EXPANSION.

WHERE THERE IS A STUDENT BODY OF SIZE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT A COLLEGE OR A UNIVERSITY EFFICIENTLY, THE QUESTION OF DUPLICATION ALL BUT DISAPPEARS. SO LONG AS FACULTY AND PHYSICAL PLANT ARE FULLY

UTILIZED, IT MATTERS LITTLE WHERE THE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED. THE NUMBER OF WORKING STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA COMPELS THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE MUST BE SOME MINIMUM DUPLICATION NECESSARY IF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IS TO BE AVAILABLE IN SOUTHERN KANSAS.

THE EXISTING PLANT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA, AFTER A MODEST EXPANSION OF LABORATORY FACILITIES, CAN ACCOMMODATE 2,500 ADDITIONAL STUDENTS. THE USE OF THIS CAPACITY BY THE STATE WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY MAKES RENTAL HOUSING READILY AVAILABLE AND ELIMINATES MUCH OF THE NEED FOR DORMITORIES.

THE LEGISLATURE IN THE 1962 BUDGET SESSION APPROPRIATED \$35,107,308 IN TAX FUNDS TO FINANCE THE CURRENT OPERATIONS OF OUR PRESENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AN ADDITIONAL 7.8 PER CENT WOULD HAVE FINANCED THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA. FUTURE FINANCE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS THEY ACT UPON BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE LEGISLATURE INCORPORATE THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA INTO THE STATE SYSTEM IN ITS PRESENT FORM. FUTURE PROGRAM JUDGMENTS WOULD BE MADE BY THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NOW UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION.

THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF A SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HAS, THROUGH OUR STATE CONSTITUTION, BEEN ACCEPTED AS A PROPER FUNCTION OF THE STATE. THE YOUTH OF SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS AWAIT THE DECISION OF THE 1963 KANSAS LEGISLATURE.

THE STATE'S RECOMMENDATION

"THE MAJOR BURDEN OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN KANSAS . . . WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED ON BY THE STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITIES, THE LATTER BECAUSE OF THEIR FORTUNATE LOCATION IN METROPOLITAN COMMUNITIES . . . "

"MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITIES (SHOULD) BECOME PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM AND SHARE WITH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS IN STATE SUPPORT AND CONTROL . . . "

FROM COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY
OF KANSAS (COMPLETED IN 1960)

AN ACT OF FAITH

. . . BY THE PEOPLE OF WICHITA

"THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA BECOME A PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM, AND FURTHER URGES THAT PLANS BE COMPLETED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE . . . "

"THIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATION IS, WE FEEL, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE STATE, AND EVIDENCES OUR READINESS TO COOPERATE FULLY IN ALL MATTERS IN CARRYING THE PROGRAM INTO EFFECT."

POLICY ADOPTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF
WICHITA BOARD OF REGENTS (NOVEMBER 18, 1960)

AS KANSAS PREPARES FOR A SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH IN FIFTEEN YEARS MUST SERVE TWICE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS NOW SERVED, WE WILL DO WELL TO CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND ECONOMY OFFERED BY MERGER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA INTO THE STATE SYSTEM.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE STATE SHOULD HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. THE STATE HAS THIS OBLIGATION, AND IT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY PRACTICABLE. THE TOTAL COST OF EDUCATION IN THE FUTURE IN KANSAS WILL INCREASE INEVITABLY, BUT MERGER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA INTO THE STATE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE STATE TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS ECONOMICALLY.

EVENTS IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN KANSAS

CHRONOLOGY

1955

THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA AND WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LEGISLATURE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PART OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO SURVEY EDUCATION NEEDS.

1957

MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZES COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FROM KINDERGARTEN-THROUGH-COLLEGE. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SUGGEST BOTH UNIVERSITIES WITHHOLD FURTHER REQUESTS FOR STATE SUPPORT UNTIL SURVEY COMPLETED.

1958

LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATES \$150,000 FOR SURVEY BY DR. OTTO DOMIAN AND DR. ROBERT J. KELLER, BOTH OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

1960

KELLER SECTION OF SURVEY ON NEEDS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RECOMMENDS THAT MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITIES BECOME A PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM.
BOARD OF REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATION THAT WICHITA UNIVERSITY BECOME A PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM.

1961

PLAN FOR TRANSFER OF UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA TO STATE IS SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 139. SENATE APPROVES 23 TO 15.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REFERS SENATE BILL 139 TO COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS, PASSES RESOLUTION DIRECTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE A STUDY, KILLS SENATE BILL. SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE RESOLUTION.
LEGISLATURE PROVIDES FOR KANSAS RESIDENT \$3.00 PER CREDIT HOUR FOR MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES HAVING NOT MORE THAN 60 CREDIT HOURS AND FOR JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS. SUM OF \$280,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA AND WASHBURN UNIVERSITY.
LEGISLATURE PASSES BILL PLACING ONE MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS ON BOARDS OF REGENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITIES.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEGINS STUDY.

PRINTED AT NO EXPENSE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA BY
THE CITIZENS FOR A STATE UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN KANSAS

MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE, JAN. 14, 1863
GOVERNOR THOMAS CARNEY

"EVERY BEING IN THE STATE SHOULD BE EDUCATED. IT IS A RIGHT WHICH CANNOT BE QUESTIONED. MIND IS THE HIGHEST GIFT OF GOD TO MAN. THE LEGISLATOR, THEN, WHO IGNORES THIS RIGHT -- THE LEGISLATURE WHICH SACRIFICES IT, IGNORES AND SACRIFICES THAT WHICH ALONE GIVES, OR CAN GIVE, STABILITY TO LAW OR VITALITY TO LIBERTY.

"I ENTREAT YOU THEN WITH ALL THE EARNESTNESS I POSSESS, TO GUARD WELL THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE STATE -- TO DEVELOP THEM -- TO HOLD AS INVIOLEABLE THE MEANS DEDICATED TO THAT HIGH END, AND TO EMPLOY THEM WITHOUT FALTERING OR FAILURE TO OUR COMMON ADVANCEMENT. BETTER STRAITENED MEANS THAN A STARVED INTELLECT. BETTER POVERTY OF PURSE, THAN POVERTY OF HEART."