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## *K.U. history*

Times have never been easy for Kansas and her state University of Kansas in their 107 and 101 years respectively.

Perversities and diversities of climate alone in this center of a great continental land mass both stimulate and demand a certain hardiness.

But Jayhawkers have tempered everything with the knack of having a good laugh at themselves.

Chemistry Hall, built in 1883 -- later known to generations of K.U. journalism alumni as "The Shack" -- was outgrown within 20 years. Two rooms added in a basement hollowed from under the building didn't solve the space problem for chemistry and pharmacy classes.

In 1896 Chancellor Snow, pleading with the Legislature for a new building, reported that the excavated rooms were so damp that the instructors who used them "frequently suffered from malarial attacks on account of their unfavorable location."

Did he have tongue-in-cheek or was he dead serious? The Legislature answered the touching appeal with equal aplomb. It reduced the total K.U. appropriation by \$5,000.

But in 1899 the state provided \$55,000 for Bailey Hall. Chemistry and pharmacy moved to the new quarters in 1900.

A quick-minded reporter visited the new hall and wrote for The Jayhawker, the school yearbook:

"The Pharmacy School occupies the east end of 'Bailey's Barn,' a building housing 7,200,000 square inches of floor space, and so constructed that every floor is a drum-head. The faintest noise in the basement can be heard throughout the entire building. In the basement is the liquid air machine, and there is a 'hot air machine' on every other floor. There is also a smelter in the basement, and a 'squelcher' on every other floor."