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Lawrence, Kas., Sept. 16---The faith of the people of Kansas in their state university has created clear challenges to both faculty and students, Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy said this morning at the 92nd annual opening exercises of the University of Kansas.

"Kansas through their elected representatives at the last session of the legislature restated with vigor their determination that Kansas youth should have educational opportunities second to none and that this state should continue to reap the advantages of a productive state university," Dr. Murphy told the convocation of faculty and students in Hoch Auditorium. "This was manifested by the acts of the legislature and the governor in approving substantial appropriations, and we have every reason to believe the people will continue to recognize the legitimate needs of the university."

The faculty and student body should comprehend fully the sincerity of these actions, Dr. Murphy said, by delivering on their shares of the responsibility.

"The faculty must provide imaginative academic leadership in the classrooms, in research, and in critically analyzing current programs to assure the most efficient use of facilities and personnel."

"The student body must understand our determination that K. U. products be both well trained and well educated. This means excellence in classroom and laboratory, adult behavior, personal dignity in action and dress, pride and competence in use of the English language on and off the campus and full exploitation of the cultural opportunities found here."

Reviewing physical and educational programs for the coming year, the chancellor announced two major projects.

In early 1958 work would be started on a major addition to Snow Hall to provide a modern laboratory to house a mammalian genetics center. Construction will be made possible by a private gift, for which the donor presently desires anonymity. The center, which will be financed by and is being created at the behest of the U. S. Public Health Service, stems from research work performed by Dr. John Weir, associate professor of zoology. When in operation, it will be second in scope only to the laboratories at Bar Harbor, Me.

In furtherance of a program to establish the K. U. library as a major bibliographic center of the trans-Mississippi west, Dr. Murphy announced the creation of the Summerfield Collection of Renaissance Thought and Culture.

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A 10-year program to acquire original materials relating to renaissance thought and culture will be financed by a major grant from the Summerfield Foundation, created by the late Solon E. Summerfield, an alumnus, who established the well known scholarship program bearing his name.

"This program will provide in the midwest a reservoir of research materials for scholars," Dr. Murphy said. A staff member is now in Europe arranging for the first acquisitions."

The chancellor described opening of the \$2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -million music and dramatics arts building as not only an important addition to the educational facilities of the university, but a symbol that on this campus the importance of cultural development to the student ranks with the acquisition of material things, and the structure is proof that the heartland of the United States has its contributions to make to American culture.

Stating that the Stouffer Place Apartments for married students will be doubled during the year by addition of another 120 units, Dr. Murphy predicted that within five to ten years as many as a third of K. U. students may be married.

Housing for single students will be boosted by the Joseph R. Pearson dormitory for men under construction on West Campus Road, and by early spring starts on two halls, each for 430 students in the "Daisy Field" area southeast of the intersection of 15th and Iowa streets.

By late fall work will begin on the \$1.3 million hall for the School of Business, department of economics and computing center. The board of regents has authorized application for a loan for a major addition to the Memorial Union on the north, and preliminary planning has begun for major engineering structures west of Naismith Drive.

At the Medical Center in Kansas City, Dr. Murphy pointed to occupation this month of the Logan Clendening Library, construction of the Children's Rehabilitation Center, enlargement of postgraduate facilities in the continuation study center, and expansion of X-ray and radioisotope facilities.

"We start this 92nd year with a faculty stronger than ever before," Dr. Murphy said.

The new Computing Center not only is advancing course work in mathematics, accounting and electrical engineering, but has proven a major research aid not only for K. U. scientists, but for the area, he explained.

"Although as a state university we deal in large numbers of students, our emphasis shall continue to be on quality. This emphasis is strengthened by the program for gifted students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which has been greatly enlarged through support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

"Further recognition of quality lies in the establishment of K. U. as one of the Atomic Energy Commission's major centers for graduate study in radiological physics."