

"Working in a steady downpour of rain, 500 students build a \$500 'S' in 1930. C. M. Rhoades, '32, of Newton and Charles Brainard, '30, of Abilene directed the project which was student financed. Of course, before the men could start work on the 'S' they had to repair the hill road, clear the area of brush and rocks, crush rock and haul cement and sand to the hill's summit. The class of '30 was fortunate in that the city fire department pumped all the necessary water to the workers on the hill.***"

emo Collegian, June 6, 1946.

In May, '30, the engineers, with Sigma Tau as the promoter, added the S, at a cost of around \$500 and with 500 men doing the job. The S is half a foot higher and wider than the K. Its building was interrupted by rain and was finished on May 10 and presented to the city and the College by the engineers.

Lloyd Peterson, president of Sigma Tau, estimates that at present prices the letters would cost approximately \$1,000 each, and that the surveying job done by Sigma Tau would cost between \$750 and \$1,000.

mm Collegian October 17, 1947.

"A general cleanup of the "K-S" on Prospect Hill, at the East end of the viaduct, will be done by engineering students Wednesday, at 4 p.m. All engineers are urged to turn out and help at the hill, according to an announcement made by Lloyd Peterson, president of Sigma Tau engineering fraternity."

mm Collegian October 14, 1947.

"The K was built in 1921, at a cost of about \$350 and with the help of about 1,000 engineering students. The idea was promoted by the Civil Engineering Society. The K is 80 by 60 feet and 1 foot in depth. It is anchored by concrete lugs and is reinforced by wire netting and cables. It includes 210 sacks of concrete and about 50 cubic yards of sand. Concrete and water were carried up Prospect by horse and wagon.

"K"

1947

"As a homecoming project, Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, will light up the KS letters east of Manhattan, for three hours Friday night, according to Loyd Peterson, Sigma Tau president. From seven until ten the illuminated letters will serve as a symbol and guide to returning alumni.

The letters will be lighted through an arrangement with the military science department. A search light, recently acquired by the department will be beamed from Sunset Hill, across Manhattan, to the letters.

The big searchlight will cover an area approximately 80 by 140 feet and will light up only the KS.***"
mm Collegian October 24, 1947.

"K"

1947

"K-hill southeast of Manhattan, for years adorned with the letters "KS" for Kansas State, now belongs to the College. Title to the land has been presented to President Milton S. Eisenhower by Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity at the College."

mm Industrialist November 6, 1947.

"K"

1947

Bill Miller, '48, a student in Mechanical Engineering contributed a valuable historical article on the "KS" on the west slope of Mount Prospect.

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"K"

1930

"The huge concrete K and S on K hill will receive their annual bath of white paint today. Freshman engineer seminar will meet on the hill this afternoon and the first-year engineers will make up the laundry force."

hd Industrialist, October 8, 1930

K

1947

"History of 'K-Hill' involves most College engineers since 1920.

Remember the first time you came through Manhattan? You were on your way to Topeka, or Kansas City, or perhaps K-State was your destination. Whatever your purpose was, long before you reached the city, you saw in the distance a mammoth "KS" on the west slope of Mt. Prospect. You soon discovered that those two letters identified this as the location of Kansas State College.***"

(This article appeared in the November issue of the Kansas State Engineer.)

mm Industrialist December 18, 1947.

K

1947

Following is the description of the land upon which the "K S" is located on Mount Prospect:

"Beginning at a point that is South Six Hundred Twenty four and six tenths feet (624.6) and West Eleven Hundred Eighty-nine and seven tenths (1189.7) feet from the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty (20), Township Ten (10) South, Range Eight (8) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence South Twelve Degrees (12°) West Two Hundred Twenty (220) feet, thence due West to old Highway K. 13, thence Northerly along said Highway Two Hundred Twenty (220) feet, thence due East to point of beginning, all in Riley County, Kansas."

m Letter of A.R. Jones October 17, 1947.

"K"

1947

"The huge KS letters, memorial landmarks on the south slope of Prospect Hill, south of town, ceased to be a point of controversy yesterday. Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, presented the deed to the land to the College.

The deed was presented by Prof. L. V. White of the civil engineering department. Professor White is the faculty sponsor for the fraternity. President Milton S. Eisenhower accepted the deed for the College.***"

mm Collegian October 17, 1947.

K Hill

1921

It was announced that the civil engineering department would construct an enormous concrete block type "K" on Prospect Hill.

1j Industrialist, Apr. 20, 1921

K-Hill

1951

Over \$200 and a lot of hand labor will be required to pu the K back in shppe on K-Hill, said Carroll Reece, president of Sigma Tau.

Collegian

September 27, 1951

K-Hill

1952

The huge letters "KS" on Mt. Prospect, more commonly called K-Hill, are once more gleaming brightly with a new coat of lime. The members and pledres of Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, painted them last Saturday afternoon.

The history of the KS dates back to the one Saturday morning in 1921, when several civil engineers met in Aggieville and marched to Mt. Prospect to Construct a "K".

Collegian

November 17, 1952

K-Hill

1955

The possibility of repairing the letters on K-Hill is to be investigated by a new committee sponsored by the Engineering association, Bob Tointon, President, said today.

Collegian

March 17, 1955

K-Hill

1956

At the association board meeting last night a motion was passed to secure bids for repairing the "KS" on the Tau River. Bids for repair and construction will be reviewed by the association board. The limit has been set at \$2,000, Day said.

Collegian

March 27, 1956