

any staff aides in Nichols.

"Because of budgetary limitations, we'll probably use a paging system," Hobrock said. When someone submits a request for materials, a student worker will go to Nichols and retrieve them within the hour, he said.

"We hope this will not be permanent," Hobrock said, explaining that an off-site collection can be "troublesome in the long run."

A STACK FACILITY attached to the existing library has been discussed before, but Hobrock said it is not a high priority on the University's capital improvement list. Several alternatives have been proposed, such as an underground addition to the north side of the library, construction on the site of the Art Building or a third-floor addition to Denison Hall.

"We don't have a timetable," Hobrock said. "We are just beginning to do the planning now."

The Department of Computer Science also is in need of space in Nichols because of overcrowding and recruitment problems, according to Virgil Wallentine, department head.

"A real problem for our department is recruiting faculty," Wallentine said. "For every new Ph.D. in computer science, there are 25 job opportunities. We need good facilities and good computer resources, because they are in very, very high demand."

THE COMPUTER SCIENCE department is short on space, mainly office space and lab space, Wallentine pointed out. The department has three times as many majors now as in 1979.

nothing happens before the middle of next month," Cool said.

Once authorization has been received, the University will publish a notice stating bids from contractors will be accepted. A contract for construction will be given to the lowest bidder.

"We have to take bids and they have to come within the estimate," Cool said.

A breakdown of the estimated \$6.2 million includes construction plans and the cost of construction itself.

According to Cool, the cost of preliminary planning will be approximately \$120,000, which includes site surveys and soil investigation. Final plans for construction and renovation will cost approximately \$322,000. Other costs will include the construction

"We are an experimental science," Wallentine said. "It is very difficult to get the proper wiring in this building."

The area in Nichols allocated to the computer science department will probably be used for faculty offices and a few classrooms, he said.

"The remote computing lab will probably stay in Fairchild, although I'd love to have it in Nichols if we could," Wallentine said. "Lower-division courses will probably still be taught outside Fairchild."

THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH has safety considerations concerning Nichols, in addition to overcrowding.

"Heaven knows we need a facility," said Norma Buntun, head of the speech department. "We need that small theater. We don't have a theater besides Purple Masque. We use McCain, but it's not our facility."

Buntun said she's worried about safety in East Stadium, especially water leakage and fire escapes.

"In Room 108 last week, for instance, water was collecting above the ceiling tiles, about to overflow," Buntun said. The tiles had to be removed and replaced. The room doesn't have an outside door or window, either, which may be dangerous in the event of a fire.

"All of the office space above the Purple Masque is potentially dangerous," Buntun said. "If there were a fire, people would have to jump out of the windows. With air conditioners in the windows, I don't know what they would do."

itself, with an expenditure of approximately \$5 million. Expenses included in construction are fixed equipment, costing approximately \$265,000; movable equipment, totaling approximately \$200,000; and construction administration, with an expenditure of approximately \$45,000.

Other costs of construction, such as moving of departments, utilities and landscaping, will total approximately \$202,000.

On completion, the newly renovated building will house the departments of speech and computer science and will provide storage in the basement for Farrell Library.

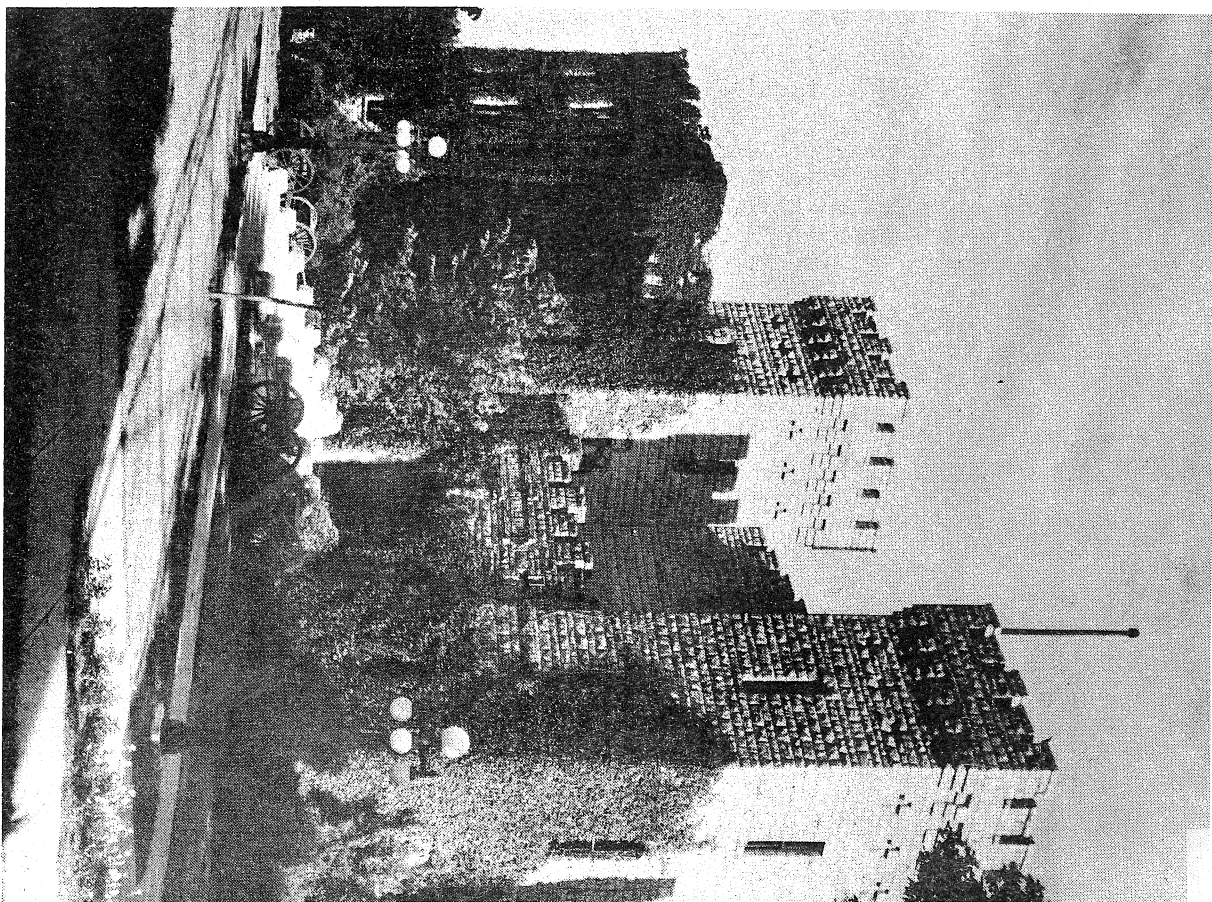
Plans for the new structure include a small theater for the speech department, replacing the Purple Masque Theater, offices, classrooms and labs for the various departments.

PLEVKA SAID he had shot pictures of that night's basketball game between K-State and Syracuse. He was developing the negatives when he heard about the fire.

"It was one of the more graphic fires I

professor saddened by the loss of important sheet music and instruments, and students volunteering to help.

"It went over real well," Morris said, "at a time when you rarely saw an extra."



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An unburned Nichols... A picture shot in the 1930s reveals the building in its original state. Note the lampposts which have now been moved to Anderson Hall, and the cannons which flank the ramp leading into the gym.