

Psychology staff moves into new home

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The WSU Psychology Department has outgrown its old home and moved into a new one.

Starting last Monday morning, the Atchison Moving Company began transporting more than 200 business machines and desks from the seventh floor of David Mackenzie Hall to a three-story brick building located just across the street at 71 West Warren.

WSU psychologists have already begun infiltrating the building though the furniture and office machines are en route.

The new building, purchased by the University in May of 1979 for \$475,000, was previously occupied by the Children's Aid Society. The Society has since moved to 7700 Second Ave. in order to gain more space.

"Programs and staff had been growing during the late '70s," Laura Williams, the Society's program director, said.

"We were too crowded," she said. "Finally, our Board of Governors bit the bullet and said we'd have to switch to a larger space."

Looking for a larger space was the basic reason for the psychology department move, according to Dr. Sheldon Alexander, the chairman.

The "new" building has

undergone a somewhat extensive renovation, costing the University \$238,404 (almost half of the cost of the building itself).

A veteran WSU carpenter working in the building Tuesday said that 500 to 600 new shelves have been put in, new orange carpeting has been installed, and doors have been remodeled in addition to newly-painted walls and various electrical improvements.

The total cost comes to \$713,404.

"It also is to help consolidate the department to bring more people to one location," Alexander explained.

The psychology department had formerly been spread out on the second, fifth, and seventh floors of Mackenzie. Now the department will apparently be compacted into one building with three floors.

Cary Lichtman, one of the two professors moving in Tuesday morning, didn't agree with Alexander.

"This building is just as inadequate as the old one, except there's carpeting," he said. "What difference does it make? Being two floors down in the basement is just like being two floors down in Mackenzie."

"There is no lab or clinic space. What we need is space."

The psychology laboratories in Old Main and Science Hall

will remain there, reports indicated.

The clinics located at different spots on campus aren't scheduled to be moved.

Alexander said the biggest advantage goes to graduate assistants, who have had limited space and inconvenient working conditions.

"We've got over 200 Ph.D. students who definitely need this space," he said.

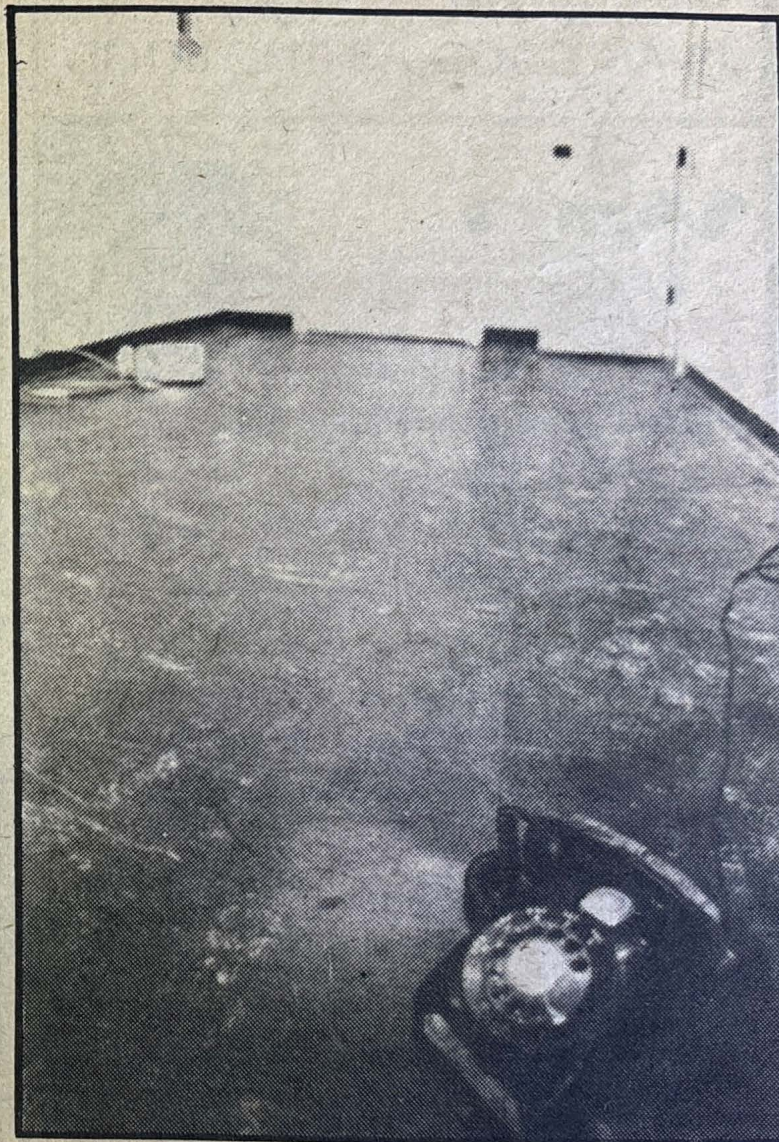
Dr. K.S. Davidson, another professor moving in Tuesday, said: "I think it's great we moved, if some of us don't like it, they will with time. It's especially better for grad students . . . they'll have the whole basement to themselves."

"One loss is we will be interacting with non-psychologists a little less," Davidson said.

All department telephone numbers will still remain the same, though in different buildings, according to Dorothy Barker, Academic Services Officer.

The seventh floor of Mackenzie, which had been inhabited by the psychology department for 18 years, will be taken over by the Sociology and Philosophy departments some time after the new semester begins.

Workers for the Atchison Moving Company (a private corporation that does certain transporting jobs for the



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All that's left of the Psychology dept. offices in Mackenzie Hall.

University) said everyone has "cooperated nicely" during the moving process. One complaint, however, was that its trucks had been ticketed while parked on the campus when the office furniture was being moved.