

# Dismantling auditorium, stage ought to be rethought

To the Editor:

Currently there are no all-ages venues in Aggieville or the Manhattan area. At any one time, there are 40 bands and other artists in the Riley County region.

And at least half of the population — ever growing — of the Kansas State University student body is under the age of 21 and has almost no place to go to see live music during the school year.

I've been a part of the live music scene in Manhattan since 1989 and had no idea that the Peace Memorial Auditorium and stage were available for rent! In fact, not knowing this site was available caused me to detour many national touring acts that will play only to venues with 500-plus seating capacity.

For these reasons, I believe that the city should rethink plans to dismantle the Peace Memorial Auditorium and stage.

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