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The 1920s were a time of growth for the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School, now known as Fort Hays State University. New and strengthened programs drew higher student enrollments. Faculty qualifications were enhanced as instructors obtained degrees in their fields. Construction on a total of six buildings was completed, including the Science Building in 1928.

Besides serving as the primary academic building for the sciences, this facility also temporarily housed other programs. During the early 1940s, War Training Service (WTS) pilot trainees practiced rifle maneuvers in the building's attic after a shooting range was created there by James Rouse, professor of agriculture and pistol shooting instructor. Previously, the space had been used by the Drama Department. Although the exact dates of occupancy are unclear, the fourth floor of the building housed the Nursing Department, established in 1952, as the program outgrew its original classroom facilities.

Not many structural changes to the Science Building, later renamed Albertson Hall, occurred until the 1962 addition of a new wing. The cost of this addition was \$450,000. Although building projects slowed during the turbulent early 1970s, Albertson Hall saw an extensive renovation. By 1978, the building had new elevator and stair towers.

Prior to the opening of Tomanek Hall in 1995, the departments of Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Geosciences were located in Albertson Hall. The facility likely is most well known for the observatory, which has been open to the public for telescope viewing at specified times through the years.

Completion of a \$7.8 million renovation of Albertson Hall occurred in May. Funding for the project was provided by state-allocated "Crumbling Classroom" monies. The building now houses the departments of Agriculture, Biological Sciences and Communication Disorders, the Physical Therapy program and the dean of the College of Health and Life Sciences.

The building is named in honor of Fred Albertson (deceased), professor of agriculture. His service to FHSU is memorialized on the plaque, "To Our Teachers Who Toiling Fell," located in Forsyth Library.



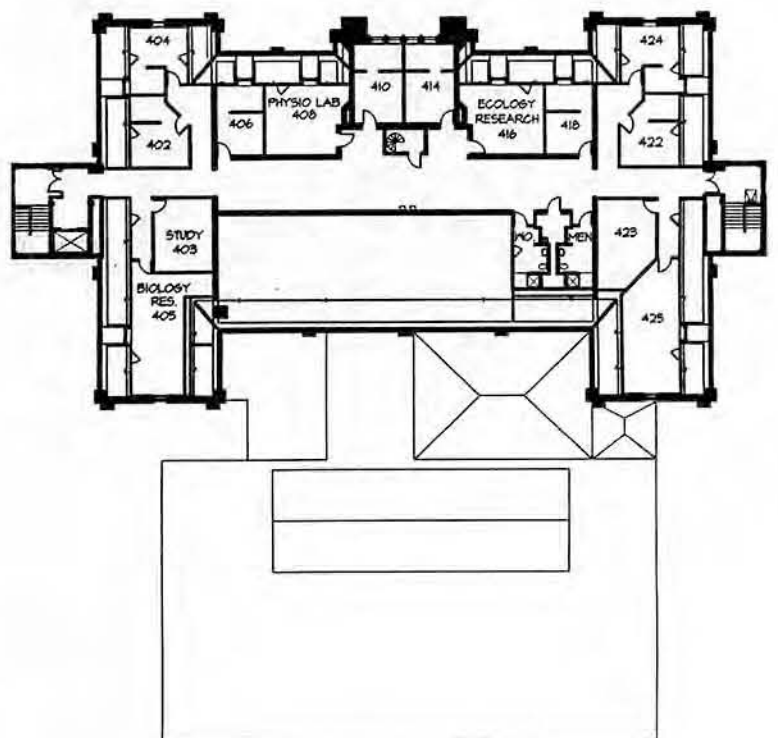
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