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Groundbreaking

for

A Physical Sciences Building for the 21st Century

1:30 p.m.
May 7, 1993

Fort Hays State University
Today's Program

Bob Lowen  
Master of Ceremonies  
Director University Relations

Rev. William Miller  
Invocation  
First United Methodist  
Church, (Retired)

Dr. Edward H. Hammond  
President,  
Fort Hays State University

Hon. Joan Finney  
Governor, State of Kansas

Sidney Warner  
Kansas Board of Regents  
Cimarron, Kansas

About the Building

The historical development of the University's need for a new physical sciences building has been tied closely to the constantly changing needs and evolution of the 20th century and mass society, and the industrial age.

While Albertson Hall has proudly served students and faculty for many years, the old structure needs renovation and its science equipment and facilities need to be modernized to interface with new technologies.

This new $12 million state-of-the-art facility, scheduled for occupancy during the fall of 1995, will house the departments of Chemistry, Geosciences, and Physics; the University's Computing Center; classrooms, faculty offices, and laboratories.

Funding for the science building came from both the state of Kansas and the federal government. Kansas Governor Joan Finney and the legislature approved an $8 million request for state funds and U.S. Senator Bob Dole helped secure $4 million in federal funds for the project.