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FHSU FACULTY MEMBER
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DONATE SCULPTURE

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Alumni News

The public is invited to the first official activity of the celebration of Fort Hays State University's 100th birthday when a sculpture honoring the women (past, present, and future) of the university is dedicated at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The artwork was donated by Dr. Ann L. McClure, associate professor of business administration at FHSU and Peter F. Felten, Hays Sculptor.

McClure said she donated the sculpture because she wanted to do something that would recognize the women who helped make the university what it is today. "I wanted to commemorate the efforts of all women who helped to create our college environment. Not just faculty and staff but the wives and partners of everyone involved," McClure said.

The sculpture consist of two pieces, one a woman teacher and the other a coed student. The statues are life sized, raised on pedestals, and are made of native limestone.

McClure said it has taken three to four years for her idea to become reality. After conceptualizing the idea she took it to Felten who then produced the actual sculpture.

The sculpture is titled "CONTEMPLATION: Musing on the Pilgrimage of a Lifetime of Learning," and will carry a plaque which reads: Dedicated to all women at Fort Hays State University - past, present, future - who have and continue to provide the opportunity, environment and means to follow the path of knowledge. Donated to Fort Hays State University by Dr. Ann L. McClure and Peter F. Felten. Concept by Dr. Ann L. McClure. Sculptor, Peter F. Felten.

The sculpture will be located in the lawn area south of Sheridan Hall and north of Plymouth Schoolhouse. McClure said she hopes the placement of the sculpture will make it a "contemplation garden," or "a place for people to gather and think."

Benches for sitting, reading or relaxing are being constructed at the site which will be lighted at night.