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# Two FHSU departments happy to have, dedicate new facilities

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HAYS DAILY NEWS

John Greathouse had become accustomed to recruiting students to Fort Hays State University's agriculture program on the strength of its program.

Marcia Bannister, chair of the department of communication disorders at FHSU, remembers all too well working in the cramped quarters of Malloy Hall for more than 30 years.

Now, Greathouse, Bannister and several other departments can also showcase their facilities when recruits come visiting.

This fall, the departments of agriculture and communication disorders joined the department of biological sciences and the physical therapy program in initiating new quarters in renovated Albertson Hall.

And they will get a chance to show off their new facilities to FHSU alumni and the rest of the public.

The historic building will be rededi-

cated Saturday morning as part of the 2000 FHSU Homecoming activities.

The dedication, to which the public is invited, is set for 9 a.m. at the north entrance to Albertson Hall on the university "quad" for a 30-minute ceremony.

The ceremony also will include a rededication of a plaque titled "Those Who Toiling Fell" in nearby Forsyth Library. The plaque honors faculty who died while in service to the university.

Albertson recently underwent a \$7.8 million remodeling project as part of the state's "Crumbling Classrooms" initiative.

Constructed in 1928 as the university's new Science Building, the building was later renamed in honor of longtime professor of agriculture Fred Albertson. A new wing was added on the south side in 1962, and a new elevator and stair towers were added by 1978.

The latest renovation of the building was finished in May, and the new offices and state-of-the-art classrooms

have been quite a welcome change, Greathouse said.

"Before, we had students come (to FHSU) who had better facilities where they were than they had here, but they overlooked the deficiencies of the building because we have a quality program," Greathouse said. "But now we have an additional drawing card. We got a lot of bang for our buck."

He won't get any argument from Bannister, who started her career at FHSU with two small office rooms on second floor of Malloy Hall back in 1969.

Bannister's department received additional space over the years as other departments moved to other halls. However, she said it was never enough with the continued growth of the communication disorders department.

So she said she is enjoying the spacious, handicapped accessible first floor of Albertson.

"This is absolutely wonderful," she said, adding that her department will be giving personal tours on Saturday.

Building maps also will be available immediately after the ceremony for those who wish to tour the rest of Albertson.

Coincidentally, Professor Albertson's name is one of the 49 on the "Those Who Toiling Fell" plaque in the stairwell leading to the basement of the library.

Facts are sketchy on the origin of the plaque. But Lois Lee Myerly, longtime FHSU employee who retired in 1988, thinks the first plaque was donated by Dollie Thomas, Myerly's predecessor as assistant to the president.

Myerly remembers that the original plaques were marble.

"I remember we used to have to send a truck to Georgia after the marble," she said. "But they probably got too heavy."

A large walnut plaque replaced the original ones and bears several names besides Albertson for which buildings have been named on campus, such as Clarence Rarick, Paul Gross, Raymond Brooks and Albertson.

Both of Saturday's rededications

are part of a series of special events leading up to FHSU's centennial, which will be celebrated throughout the calendar year 2002.

Following is the list of the events in the series thus far.

1997: Homecoming — Dedication of the Contemplation Garden across the street south of Sheridan Hall and of the Lewis Field Memorial.

1998: Homecoming — Dedication of Veterans Memorial on campus, between Sheridan Hall and Picken Hall.

1999: March — Grand opening of Sternberg Museum of Natural History in northeast Hays; Homecoming — Rededications of Martin Allen Hall and Picken Hall.

2000: March — Re-enactment of federal legislation signing which returned land from the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation to the state of Kansas for the creation of FHSU; Homecoming — Rededications of Albertson Hall and "Those Who Toiling Fell" plaque, in Forsyth Library.