FLOOR PLAN
for
Jerry Tomanek Hall
and the
Keith G. Sebelius
Lobby

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Jerry Tomanek Hall

Construction on Jerry Tomanek Hall began with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 7, 1993. However, planning for the building began as early as 1989.

Tomanek Hall is the university’s answer to its needs for a modern, futuristic facility for the teaching of the physical sciences. While Albertson Hall proudly has served students and faculty for many years and is being used still by some departments, its science equipment and facilities badly needed upgrading in order to interface with new technologies.

Thus the dream for Tomanek Hall began. Today this $12 million building, which was funded by both the state of Kansas and the federal government, is testament to the hard work and vision of many people. In 1992, when then Kansas Governor Joan Finney and the Legislature approved FHSU’s $8 million request for funds and U.S. Senator Bob Dole helped secure $4 million in federal funds for this project, the university began to realize the dream of a new sciences facility.

Several criteria led to Tomanek Hall’s location on this site: the proximity to the central campus power plant; easy access to Forsyth Library; proximity to the large parking lots at Malloy Hall and Gross Memorial Coliseum; vehicular access for loading and unloading, and the university’s long time goal of relocating the tennis courts nearer the department of athletics and the department of health and human performance.

University departments housed in Jerry Tomanek Hall are chemistry, geosciences and physics. The configuration of the facility allows those disciplines the opportunity for the cross-fertilization of ideas and increased efficiency.

Also in the facility is the campus Computing and Telecommunications Center, the focal point of the electronic communicative process at the university. The center houses and administrates the instruction, research and service efforts of academic users, maintains the management information system used by the campus community, and provides complete administrative support.

Within this 84,580 gross square feet of space are 125 rooms or areas that serve as laboratories, classrooms, offices, conference rooms, lobbies, closets, darkrooms and storage, work and research facilities. Tomanek Hall meets, and in many instances, exceeds the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The main lobby is named in memory of Keith G. Sebelius, the late U.S. Congressman and FHSU graduate, who did so much for his beloved Kansas.

Jerry and Ardis Tomanek
Jerry was President of Fort Hays State University from 1976 to 1987.
about the dedication graphics

The shield graphic used throughout the dedication publications is based on the tile designs in the two atriums on the first floor of Tomanek Hall.

Prairie grasses provide a secondary visual theme in recognition of Dr. Tomanek's area of academic expertise.