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Architectural Detail of New Sciences Building Revealed in Scale Model



Photo by Charlie Riedel (BA '83), Hays Daily News

By Bob Lowen

It's on the drawing board! A scale model replica, artist's renditions and plans for a new science building to be constructed at Fort Hays State University have been revealed.

According to FHSU President Edward H. Hammond, "The \$11,976,800 project will be bid in January of 1993 and ground breaking is set for Feb. 1. Construction is expected to begin about the first of May, 1993, and we anticipate a completion date of August, 1994."

The design of the 85,000 square-foot facility is a joint venture between Stecklein and Brungardt Architects of Hays, and Horst, Terrill and Karst Architects, Topeka. Mechanical and electrical engineering for the project will be done by Hoss and Brown Engineers, Topeka, and structural design will be done by Finney and Turnipseed of Topeka.

Hammond said that a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy provided \$3,976,800 of the cost of the structure and the State of Kansas will provide the remaining \$8 million.

"The credit for our receiving the federal money must really go to Sen. Bob Dole," Hammond said. "His efforts to help us were special and I want him to know

that we at the University appreciate his dedication to educational excellence in western Kansas."

"The \$8 million came from a one-time windfall of \$185 million from the federal government to the state of Kansas," Hammond said. "The money comes in the form of disproportionate share funds and is Kansas' share of Medicaid money for costs associated with care of indigent individuals in state mental hospitals. We are appreciative of the fact that Gov. Finney and the legislature chose to use some of that money to fund special building projects at several of the Regents Institutions."

Hammond added, "I also want to publicly thank Sen. Jerry Moran and Rep. Delbert Gross for their hard work to fund all of those projects and especially to bring our building to fruition."

The three-story science building will be located where the University tennis courts are and will house the departments of chemistry, geoscience, and physics, and the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It will also offer a full complement of classrooms and computer labs.

"State-of-the-art technology will be utilized throughout the building," Hammond said. "Examples include two-way interactive video classrooms, computers

integrated into wet labs, and the latest in computerized teaching technology."

The academic computing center will also be relocated from Martin Allen Hall to a one-story wing of the science building.

"The tennis courts will be moved by Jan. 1 to the south side of Cunningham Hall," Hammond said. "Architects are working on the plans and the project will be bid soon. We plan six or more courts on the new site."

Hammond said that the new science building is being constructed on the grounds of the tennis courts because of its proximity to the Akers Energy Center and to Forsyth Library. "That closeness to the power plant will eliminate the need for lengthy service networks and systems," he added.

Hammond added, "The design of our building reflects not only the high tech aspects of the facility but responds to the pedestrian and traffic flow around the site. The pedestrian plaza will be included in the design while maintaining minimal loss of parking. The construction phase of our new science building will be great for the local economy. We're excited about the future for our students, the state of Kansas and for the teaching of the physical sciences at FHSU."

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Recent FHSU graduates will remember **Norman Jeter** as the Kansas regent who told students often and forcefully that they need to set goals and study hard.

Jeter has pushed consistently for higher educational standards in Kansas schools, especially in the liberal arts. "Students and teachers may need to work harder (to achieve these standards), but they can do it," he stressed in a 1990 interview.

Toward these ends, Jeter has backed FHSU's leadership role in expanding educational services throughout western Kansas.

While a regent, he recommended allocation of state funds to expand the fiber optics network. This network now links FHSU via two-way television with communities in southwest and northwest Kansas. He has also backed FHSU's cooperative efforts with area community colleges and high schools to avoid costly duplication of courses.

Through the years Jeter has personally supported the university in many ways and was recently nominated to serve a four-year term on the Endowment Association's board of trustees.



Jeter came to Hays after graduating from Ottawa University and the University of Kansas School of Law. He is a former Ellis County Attorney and past president of the Northwest Kansas Bar Association. He has served on boards of many professional and community organizations and businesses, including the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education USD 489, Hays Medical Center and Emprise Bank. He was appointed to the Board of Regents in 1987 and served as chairman from 1989-90.

Jeter and his wife, Ann, are the parents of four children: Margaret Doan, Joseph, William, and John Jeter.

Most **Mickey Spillane** fans know that his fictional terminator Mike Hammer returned to the bookstores two years ago as "The Killing Man."

In October Hammer's creator will return to FHSU to receive a Distinguished Service Award from the University he attended in 1939-40.

"Mickey has generously given of his time and talent to serve as chairman of our \$20 million Capital Campaign Drive," said President Edward Hammond. "Although he attended FHSU only one year, he has demonstrated devoted loyalty to



the university and is a strong supporter of his fraternity on campus."

Spillane, a Brooklyn native, and a group of his Phi Delta Chi fraternity brothers have kept in close touch through the years, occasionally riding together in homecoming parades. Spillane has also shared his knowledge of writing and publishing with FHSU English students and with Hays residents through the Presidential Lecture Series.

Mike Hammer has made Spillane one of the five most translated writers of all time. He also writes successful adventure books for children. Children's books? That doesn't surprise alumni who know that Spillane began his career by writing scripts for such comic book heroes as Captain Marvel, Captain America and Blue Bolt. "I've come full circle; that's all," he told an interviewer several years ago.

Now Spillane writes only occasionally—when he needs money to support his greatest joys—boats and fishing offshore near his home at Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Spillane's four children, Ward, Mike, Carolyn and Kathy, live nearby.