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New science building on drawing board

If all goes well in the next two years, there could be a new \$12 million building on the FHSU campus by fall, 1994.

The Kansas legislature recently approved, and Gov. Joan Finney seconded the gesture, the spending of \$8 million of newly acquired funds from the federal government to help construct the facility. FHSU had already received a commitment of \$4 million from the federal government for the building.

The new structure will house the departments of chemistry, geoscience and physics, the Computing Center, and the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Plans call for a state-of-the-art electronic educational facility that will provide for classes both on and off campus.

Location of the building is the present site of the tennis courts, or just north of the campus power plant. The courts will be relocated nearer M.C. Cunningham Hall.

According to FHSU President Edward H.

Hammond, "If all goes well, we can look for a ground-breaking in March of 1993 and a completion date a year and a half later."

The \$8 million came from a one-time windfall of \$185 million from the federal government to the state of Kansas. The money comes in the form of disproportionate share funds. Those funds are Kansas' share of federal Medicaid money for costs associated with care of indigent individuals in state mental hospitals.

Torch and Pilot awards go to Tramel and Martin

Dr. Stephen Tramel, professor of philosophy, and Coy Martin, Johnson senior, were named recipients of the Pilot and Torch awards at commencement May 15.

The award is sponsored by the FHSU Alumni Association and honors the outstanding faculty member and senior for the past year.

Pilot candidates are nominated by senior students on the basis of professional excellence, high standards of personal conduct, and commitment to good teaching.

Torch candidates are nominated by FHSU faculty on the basis of leadership, high personal standards of conduct, commitment, and outstanding academic achievement.

Other faculty nominees were Rose Arnhold, sociology; Patricia Baconrind, business; Dr. Keith Campbell, sociology; Dr. Bob Chalender, education; Dr. Paul Faber, philosophy; Michael Jilg, art; Pamela Havice, nursing; William Havice, industrial education; Dr. Richard Huguen, philosophy.

Dr. Richard Leeson, English; Dr. Robert Luehrs, history; Glen McNeil, home economics; Dr. Robert Meier, business; Bud Moeckel, health and human performance; Dr. Robert Nicholson, biology.

Dr. Michael Rettig, education; Dr. Jim Rucker, business education; Dr. Zoran Stevanov, art; and Dr. Charles Wilhelm, communication disorders.

Other student nominees were Christine Blackmore, Kurt Burmeister, Jennifer Deines, Tami Diederich, Virginia Gray, Stephanie Groninga, Cecily Hill.

Tammy Jones, Kathleen Keener, Laura Kidwell, Brian Kuntz, Patrick McGinnis, Angela Miller, Elizabeth Neuschafer, Bridgette Ostmyer.

Melanie Rubottom, Stacia Sands, Erik Sandstrom, Jacqueline Schon, Cindi Smith, Kimberle Unruh, Shelly Wiley, and Randy Williams.

Japanese language added

Fort Hays State University will offer the first of four Japanese language classes during the 1992 fall semester as part of a four semester experiment.

According to Ruth Firestone, chairman of the foreign language department, there has been a high demand for Japanese language classes on college campuses in recent years. Changes in society make the language addition important as business dealings with people who speak Japanese increase.

Japanese is a difficult class to establish because of the expenses required to install the program into a college curriculum. Finding instructors creates additional problems, but FHSU has already found an instructor for all four semesters, Firestone said. Satomi Kimura, a student from the University of Hiroshima, will teach all of the classes in exchange for tuition toward her master's degree in special education.

The first three semesters of the class will stress listening and speaking the language, as well as various cultural aspects of the country. During the final semester students will concentrate on reading Japanese and conversation.

An enrollment of no more than 30 students is allowed for the class which will probably meet at night to allow faculty members to enroll.

Hammond said, "The construction of our new science building will be great for the University, the local economy, the state of Kansas and for our future students. We're excited about the future for the teaching of the physical sciences at FHSU."

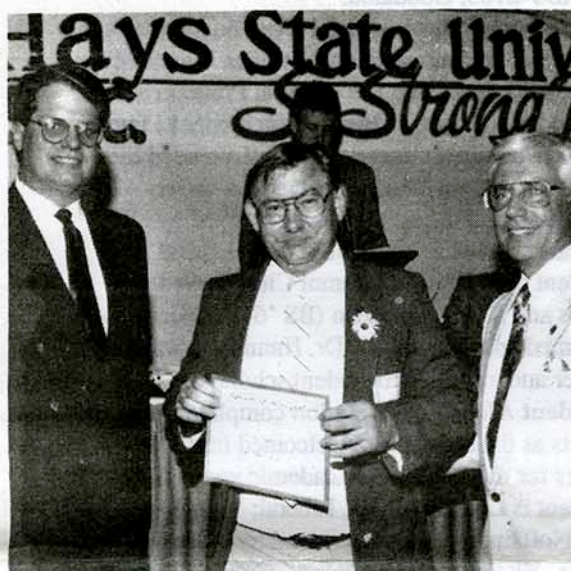
Nader speaks on campus

Ralph Nader, well-known consumer advocate, was the headline speaker on campus April 7 and kicked off activities for Earthfest '92.

Nader covered a myriad of topics and stayed late into the night to answer every question put to him.

Nader talked about the country's natural resources and who controls them; mobilizing a media network around the world; political elections; the environment; change in America, and other topics.

The campus organization Students Acting for a Greener Earth (SAGE) sponsored Nader's visit. Earthfest '92 was a fair devoted to raising awareness about environmental issues.



Jeff Peier, left, National Alumni Association President, is pictured with Dr. Stephen Tramel, winner of the Alumni Association's coveted Pilot Award, center, and FHSU President Edward H. Hammond.



Peier, Coy Martin, winner of the Alumni Association's prestigious Torch Award, and President Hammond enjoy the moment at the Graduate Brunch on May 15.

Staff members retire

Three classified staff members, Ken Ostrum, Al Pfeifer and Henrietta Windholz, have retired from work at FHSU.

Ostrum was a 35-year employee and most recently power plant supervisor. Pfeifer worked for 24 years and retired as a custodial crewleader in Health and Human Performances. Windholz spent the past six and one-half years making Wiest Hall a cleaner place for male students.

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