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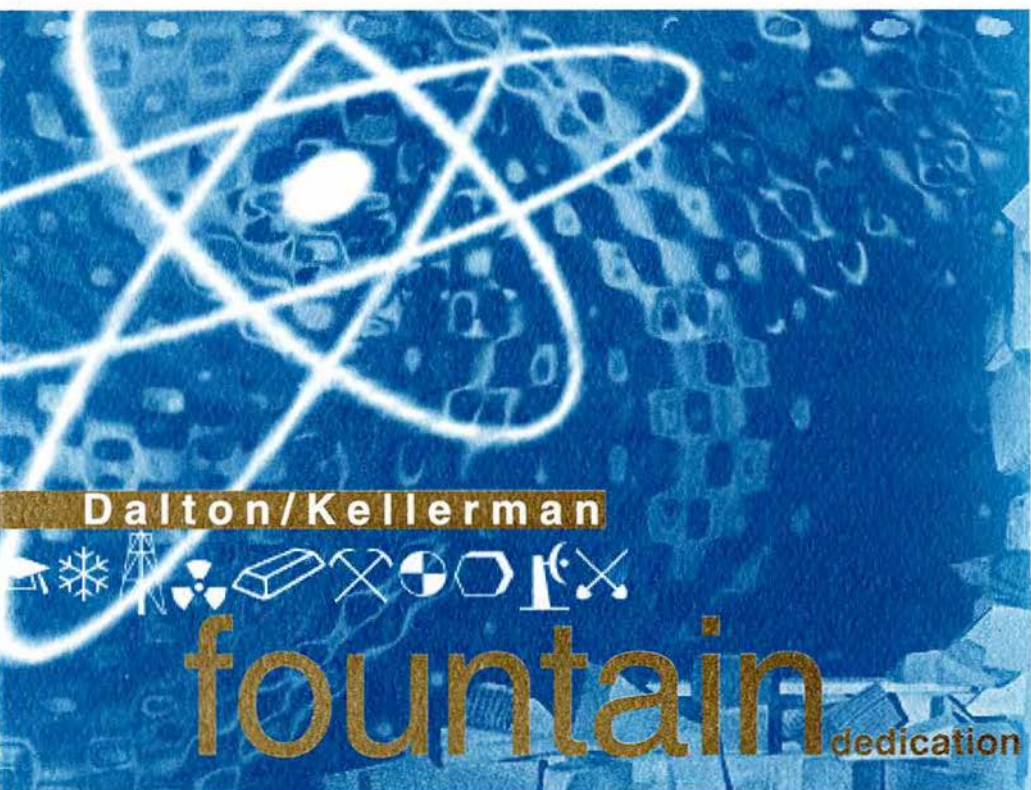
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Dalton/Kellerman Fountain Dedication

9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 14, 1997

Fort Hays State University

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Welcome and Remarks	Dr. Edward H. Hammond President, FHSU
Response	Mr. Standlee V. Dalton Registrar Emeritus
Response	Mr. James V. Kellerman Registrar Emeritus
Reception	Tomanek Hall Courtyard

Meet Mr. Dalton and Mr. Kellerman

The Dalton/Kellerman fountain is named in honor of former FHSU registrars, Standlee V. Dalton and James V. Kellerman.

Mr. Dalton and Mr. Kellerman spent a combined 64 years as members of the FHSU faculty and administration. Together they served the university as registrars for 57 years. It is estimated that the two signed approximately 35,650 diplomas of FHSU graduates.

Mr. Dalton joined the faculty as an instructor of biology in 1935. He became registrar in 1938 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1971.

Mr. Kellerman joined the faculty in 1967 as an instructor of business administration and served as registrar from 1971 until his retirement in 1995.

President Edward H. Hammond received unanimous support from the university family when he suggested that the fountain, which had been planned for the courtyard area of Tomanek Hall, be named in honor of Mr. Dalton and Mr. Kellerman.



About the Fountain

The inspiration for the 15-foot tall, reflective pool fountain originated from the feeling that children's thoughts about the sciences are important and can be expressed through the arts. The ideas expressed in the children's work include concepts of the solar system, tornadoes, lightning, various animal forms, beakers, flowers and a myriad of other subject matter.

The individual art pieces, cast in bronze, range from the realistic to the abstract, from the delicate to the strong, and from the serious to the frivolous. The sculpture captures the children's sense of imagination and wonders as well as their perspective on the world.

Placido Arturo Hoernicke, director of professional services in the FHSU College of Education, and Gary Coulter, chair, FHSU department of art, conceptualized the fountain and area middle school children created art pieces for the sculpture, which is entitled "Pieces of Our World."

Hoernicke, Coulter and members of the department of art and campus construction crews assembled and erected the sculpture and built the reflective pool.

The completion of the sculpture required the cooperative efforts of hundreds of people and stands as a demonstration of what children and adults can accomplish when working toward a common goal. Others involved directly with the sculpture included middle school children and teachers from the Hays area and art students and faculty from the university.

It seems fitting that this piece of sculpture, created by young people from the community, be placed in the fountain which honors two men who served thousands of young people during their long tenure at this university.

A grant from the Stouffer Fund at the university supported the project. When Jean Stouffer, associate dean of students for more than 20 years, died in 1976, she left the university a sizable estate in her will. She suggested that at the discretion of the university president, funds from her estate be used to improve the beauty of the campus .





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