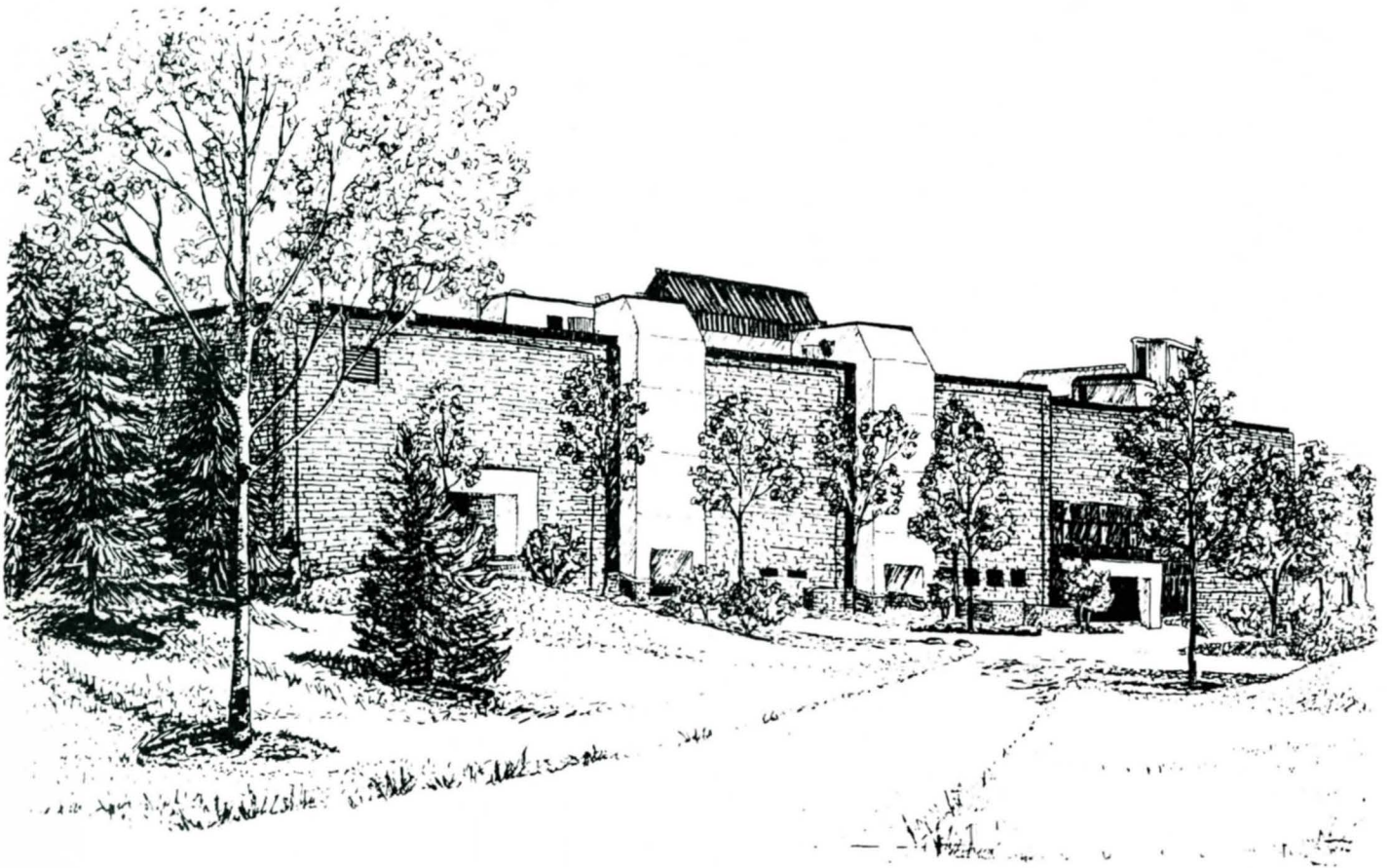


Rededication

Ward Beecher Hall
Youngstown State University



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September 21, 1987

Planetarium

Presiding:

Neil D. Humphrey
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Invocation:

The Rev. David C. Kaminsky
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Remarks:

Thomas N. Dobbstein
Chairperson, Chemistry Department

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Chairperson, Physics and Astronomy
Department

Paul D. VanZandt
Chairperson, Biological Sciences Department

Presentation of the Building:

K. Anthony Hayek
President, K. Anthony Hayek Associates —
Architects

Presentation of the Key:

William J. Lyden
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Acceptance of Building and Unveiling of Portrait:

Earnest Perry
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mrs. Ward Beecher
Eleanor Beecher Flad

Address:

Bernard J. Yozwiak
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Benediction:

The Rev. David C. Kaminsky



WARD BEECHER

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help benefit thousands of young
people interested in the sciences.

A member of an early Youngstown family, **WARD BEECHER** was keenly interested in the economic, industrial and cultural development of the city.

He attended Elm Street School, graduated from The Rayen School in 1907, and studied metallurgy at the then-Carnegie Institute of Technology. After graduation, he became a traveling auditor for Republic Rubber Company. He later was secretary and treasurer of Lau Iron Works, and helped organize Powell Pressed Steel Company, where he was treasurer.

During World War I, he served with the 309th Engineers in France.

In 1922, Mr. Beecher joined Commercial Shearing and Stamping Company, and learned all phases of the business — as timekeeper, advertising manager, finance chairman, secretary-treasurer, and director and vice president in charge of finance, positions he held upon his retirement.

He was a director of Mahoning National Bank, and served many community organizations, including the Salvation Army, where he was a member of the Advisory Board.

His wife is the former Florence Bakody.



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WARD BEECHER HALL at Youngstown State University is being rededicated to the advancement of science and education.

The building, now housing the Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Physics and Astronomy departments of the College of Arts and Sciences, has undergone a \$12.7-million renovation program that has modernized both the interior and exterior.

Begun in the fall of 1984 and completed this spring, the project has added nearly 18,000 square feet, giving Ward Beecher Hall a total of 150,187 square feet of floor space. It now includes 40 teaching laboratories, 25 research labs, 15 classrooms, 45 offices and a student lounge, plus a modernized Planetarium and rooftop observatory with a roll-back roof.

The exterior has been redesigned, the dome restructured, roof rebuilt, and the entire electrical and mechanical systems renovated. The building is now tied to the University's Central Utility Plant for improved heating and cooling, and is accessible to the handicapped.

Landscaping around the hall is being redesigned, and a final \$1.3-million project starting this fall will add a 6,000-square-foot greenhouse at ground level facing Lincoln Avenue. The former rooftop greenhouse will become a research area.

The work melded the original 1957 four-story "Building No. 82" on the north with the six-story south section, which was completed in 1967, into a modern, attractive science facility. Dedication ceremonies on December 20, 1967 honored the dedication and generosity of the late Ward Beecher of Youngstown, former vice president-finance of Commercial Shearing and Stamping Company, for whom the building was named. At that ceremony, Dr. Howard W. Jones, president emeritus of the University, hailed Mr. Beecher's ideals and vision that "will help benefit thousands of young people interested in the sciences..." This newest work carries on that tradition.



Free, public use of the Planetarium since 1967 has provided more than 600,000 people with myriad voyages through the realms of the universe. This improvement program included installation of new electronics systems and control interfaces in the Planetarium, plus refurbishing of the 150-seat theatre, opening even more exciting areas of solar discovery, education and entertainment to thousands in the future.

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K. Anthony Hayek Associates — Architects

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Electrical Contractor
Dickey Electric Co.

Plumbing
Conti Plumbing & Heating Co.

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Funds appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly made renovation of this facility possible. Particular attention is given to the following area legislators:



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