OSU to be site of 4-H center, Hall of Fame

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The Agricultural Administration Building's auditorium and main lobby will become the home of the Ohio 4-H Educational Center and 4-H Hall of Fame.

Ohio State is the first land grant university in the country to have such a center, said Charles W. Lifer, assistant director and state leader of 4-H.

The center will have exhibits displaying 4-H history, current programs and a look into the 4-H future, said James R. Helt, associate state leader of 4-H.

The east wall of the auditorium will have eight exhibits ranging from 4-H involvement in agriculture, home economics, and natural resources to 4-H alumni activities and volunteer programs. The exhibits will be changed on a six to 12 month basis, Lifer said.

The Hall of Fame will be on the west wall. "Individuals, nominated by their county, are selected on the basis of outstanding contributions, not financially, but in terms of how they've helped to strengthen the 4-H program," Lifer said.

Recipients' portraits will appear with a description of their involvement in 4-H.

Helt said the project will cost $160,000. It is being funded from private contributions made to the Ohio 4-H Foundation, which is a part of the OSU Development Fund.

Names of those that give $1,000 or more will appear on a plaque in the new center.

Remodeling of the auditorium and lobby began last week and work should be completed by Sept. 15, Lifer said. A dedication is scheduled for Oct. 1.