It was a quiet moment that spoke volumes.

As kinesthetic faculty member Becky Schmidt lamented, a young fan who was at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse for a basketball game made her way to the volleyball court on the other side of the arena. Although a crowd filled the building, the girl had the space to herself. There was no seat in place, and not a ball at hand, but that didn’t stop her. Her imagination taking the starring role, she stood on the side of the court and served.

The girl wasn’t alone, she was seeing use and earning praise.

DeVos Foundation, opened with a double-8, 3,200-seat arena is the most prominent part of the fieldhouse, and given the strong following that Hope athletics enjoys it’ll be central to the future. “It was a fantastic facility,” said Dr. Ray, who is also a professor of kinesthesiology and athletic training.

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An entire wing extends south of the arena, an exercise physiology laboratory, a weight room, and a nutrition lab. An ever-changing location, the Dow Center, has become the home of the Kinesiology department.

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chasing of the fall semester. As much as he enjoyed the building’s basketball debut, department chair Dr. Richard Ray noted on the eve of the spring semester that he was especially looking forward to the new dance studio.

A physical education laboratory, a weight room, and a nutrition lab (together known as the Academic Building), the new education facilities are run by the Academic Coordinator, Kinesiology.

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The building is also, however, only part of the story. Significantly, the $22 million, 104,000-square-foot facility is an academic building. An entire wing extends south of the arena.

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