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Transcript of Radio Broadcast
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Western Kentucky State College
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1st Radio Announcer: This is Southern Kentucky's favorite radio station WKCT in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Central Standard Time 2:02, and we take you to the Western Science Building.

2nd Radio Announcer: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is Jim Stevens of the radio WKCT staff, and with engineer Garland West, we are originating this special broadcast at the Fourteenth Street entrance to the Kelly Thompson Science Hall, where dedicatory ceremonies are just beginning. A procession in which faculty members, Western Kentucky College Regents, and Ogden College Trustees, along with visiting dignitaries are participating, has moved around near Ogden Hall. Members of the group are now taking their seats on the speakers' platform. Gathered in the immediate vicinity are some probably 1,500 spectators, some of whom are standing in the street, which has been closed for the duration of the ceremony. The principal speaker of the afternoon will be Kentucky's Governor Bert Combs.

In the background you hear the Western Brass Ensemble under the direction of Western's Bennie Beach, the director of the Western Brass Ensemble, playing the familiar "Pomp and Circumstance."

The Kelly Thompson Science Hall is an architectural example of progress in the shaping of steel and stone into a creation of great beauty. From the strikingly attractive lobby, just off the main entrance, throughout the length of

the gleaming block-long corridors of the three-storied structure, modern design is coupled with facilities for complete usability. Housed in the 75,000 square feet of Thompson Hall are the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, with these related departments under the same roof for the first time since 1928. Each floor, in its entirety, is devoted to one of the three departments, with the Physics Department on the first floor, the Biology Department on the second floor, and the Chemistry Department on the third floor of Thompson Hall. Each of the floors is spaciouly equipped with small conference rooms, large group laboratories, regular-sized classrooms, and 200-seat major lecture rooms. The floors are connected by a service elevator and three sets of stairways.

Presiding today will be Raymond L. Cravens, Dean of the College, representing the Western faculty. Some of the speakers on this afternoon's occasion will be Bernard L. Madison, representing the student body; H. Bemis Lawrence, representing the Western Alumni; and Herbert J. Smith, representing the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College. Wendell P. Butler is representing the Western Board of Regents. The introduction today of Governor Bert Combs will be made by Western's President Kelly Thompson. The dedicatory address, as we mentioned, will be made by Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky.

Dean Cravens: Ladies and gentlemen, let us pause for a moment of invocation for divine guidance at this time. Dr. Earl A. Moore, professor of English and philosophy, will give the invocation. Dr. Moore:

Dr. Moore: Let us pray. Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, as we are assembled in ceremonial fashion for the purpose of consecrating this building to its intended uses, we come to thank Thee and pray for Thy divine blessing. We render praise and thanksgiving to Thee for the foresight of administrators and advisors who envisioned this edifice before pencil had been set to paper in preparation for it. We thank Thee for the skill of the designers who planned it to be thoroughly utilitarian in serving various sciences and at the same time to be an object of beauty. We thank Thee for the skill of those who transformed the plans into what we behold here today. As we look to the future, we beseech Thee so to bless the use of this building that the knowledge of the thousands of students who will sojourn here for a little while may be efficiently increased and that their instructors may be able to employ the facilities to be best advantage, not only that the scientific data which are already known may be passed on, but that whatever research for new facts may be done here may be fruitful. We would pray especially that in the troubled times in which we are living, our College may be able to maintain such policies as are calculated to direct the results of scientific learning toward the welfare of people rather than toward either aggressive or defensive means of destruction of human life and the elements of civilization. May the Kelly Thompson Science Hall fit helpfully into the picture of education throughout our whole nation. And if it be in keeping with Thy holy will, may righteousness be triumphant over all the forces of evil. In the name of the Divine Master, we pray. Amen.

Dean Cravens: Now we will hear a choral presentation by the Western A Cappella Choir under the direction of Mr. Ohm Pauli.

("Alleluia," by Randall Thompson)

Dean Cravens: Governor Combs, platform guests, ladies and gentlemen, friends of Western Kentucky State College: This is truly a premier day at Western as we gather here to dedicate the Kelly Thompson Science Hall. Seldom in its history has our hilltop campus been so honored by so many distinguished visitors. You have honored the College by your presence here this afternoon. I want to extend to all of you the official welcome of the College. Unfortunately, time will not permit us to recognize all of the important people here this afternoon, but we do want to introduce to you our platform guests. Dr. Ward Sumpter, professor of chemistry at Western and Trustee of Ogden College, will present them to you at this time. Dr. Sumpter:

Dr. Sumpter: Thank you, Dean Cravens. Ladies and gentlemen, in addition to Dean Cravens and Dr. Moore, who have already appeared on the program, and President Thompson, Governor Combs, and Mr. Madison, who will be presented to you later, we are honored this afternoon to have on the platform members of the Board of Regents of Western, the Honorable Wendell Butler, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman Ex-Officio of the Board, Mr. Bemis Lawrence, the Honorable Maxey Harlin, Mr. Gerald Edds, and Mr. Hugh Poland. Mr. Douglas Keen and Mr. Owen Hammons, who are members of the Western Board, were unable to be here--Mr. Keen, because of illness, and Mr. Hammons, who is in Detroit. Also on the platform this afternoon as members of the Ogden College Board of Trustees, we have

Mr. Herbert Smith, the Regent and Trustee, and Mr. Al Temple, a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. J. T. Orendorf, another member of the Board of Trustees, is out of town and unable to be present.

I would like to crave your indulgence for just a minute to say that in my opinion the ceremony this afternoon constitutes a unique chapter in the history of American education. We have here the Board of Trustees of an institution which closed its doors 33 years ago, yet whose financial resources today amount to several times the resources at the time it closed, joining hands with the Western Board to make certain a continuation of the educational program in Kentucky to which both institutions have contributed. As a graduate of Ogden College and a Trustee of Ogden College and for many years a member of the faculty of Western Kentucky State College, this occasion brings me great pleasure and represents for many of us the culmination of the dream of many years.

Dean Cravens: Thank you, Dr. Sumpster. Now it is my pleasant duty to introduce to you one of Western's outstanding young students. This young man is an honor student scholastically; he is editor of our College newspaper, The College Heights Herald, and he was nominated this week by his professors to compete in the Rhodes Scholarship Competition. A physics major from Smiths Grove, Kentucky, Mr. Bernard L. Madison is representing the Western student body. Mr. Madison:

Mr. Madison: Thank you, Dean Cravens. Governor Combs, President Thompson, members of the Western Board, members of the Ogden Board,

faculty members, Western Alumni, esteemed visitors, and fellow students: I am deeply honored to have been selected to represent the Western student body on this memorable occasion. There is a great sense of humility attached to having a part in the dedication of our new Kelly Thompson Science Building, and today we note that feeling as we relegate this structure to a greater goal in education.

Once again, we look about us and we see an array of distinguished individuals, constituting one more step in the continuing advancement of the standards of an institution of which we are proud to be a part. We are aware that the opportunities afforded us as Western students by this new structure would be beyond our reach if it were not for the labors of those people gathered here today. An attempt to enumerate the new realm of opportunities open to the present-day Western students and those to follow us would be to no avail; however, we can point out those which are most prominent. No other feature of Western's area of operation could be nearly so influential in our adjustment to the tremendous enrollment increase as is this building. Without it an adjustment, such as has been made, would have been out of the question. Already we realize the advantages of the modern equipment which can now be fully utilized in its new environment. New fields of research can be opened to the previously restricted student, and he will be allowed to proceed without fear of harassment by housing difficulties. Perhaps the most important asset of this new structure is the room for advancement and expansion in many fields. It seems rather odd to assign so much importance to something that is important only because it is not there, but we must not rest on our laurels. We must plan on greater things to come, as we have done.

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In our concentration on science, let us not be blind to the effect that this new building has had on other fields in the College. More space is now available to other departments. The additional space will have an after effect, but this is not alarming. Rather it will have pleasant results. With new opportunities available, we can expect more students to enroll in science as well as in other courses; but by not standing still, we will be ready to meet their demands. As we look to the future, we see no more of the struggle against physical objects in our search for scientific knowledge, but we see the science student here concentrating all his efforts on the mental barriers of this ever-expanding field. He will be able to pursue his particular goal or goals of science in a pleasant, all-new, modern environment--The Kelly Thompson Science Hall.

Dean Cravens: Thank you, Mr. Madison. Western Alumni were characterized in a recent magazine article as the most loyal in the State. Certainly Western has no more loyal alumnus than the man who will speak to us next on behalf of the Alumni--a prominent Louisville attorney, a member of Western's Board of Regents, a graduate of whom Western is justifiably proud--Mr. Bemis Lawrence, representing the Alumni. Mr. Lawrence:

Mr. Lawrence: Dean Cravens, Governor Combs, President Kelly Thompson, fellow members of the Board of Regents, Regent and Trustees of the Ogden College, members of the faculty, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Today, darkness has been dispelled by the brilliant and penetrating illumination of many candles in the

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form of this magnificent monument dedicated to public higher education. Accordingly, Dr. Kelly Thompson, on this meaningful and momentous occasion, it is indeed a profound and distinct personal pleasure to have the honor of conveying and expressing to you and to this group the genuine and sincere acclaim, approbation, congratulations, and the continuing good wishes of Western's grateful and unanimous Alumni. Truly, this is another significant milestone in the annals of our illustrious Alma Mater.

Governor Combs, our Alumni are also cognizant of your most commendable and unfaltering interest in and the excellent cooperation you and your entire administration have so graciously accorded to Western, not only in this particular project but in numerous others also. Yes, the ultimate in good government at its very best is evident in the form of this inspiring edifice.

Brief research reminds me that more than 125,000 of the youth of our country have utilized the educational facilities located on this beautiful and picturesque campus. Today, they are engaged in every honorable walk of life, forming an integral part of our society. These Alumni are extremely mindful and appreciative of the invaluable contribution this building will make toward the betterment of man in the field of science and culture. Too, there are hundreds and hundreds of Alumni who today are resting peacefully near battlefields in foreign lands--those who have made the supreme sacrifice in order that we may enjoy the freedom of this very moment. It is a reassuring satisfaction to them to know that these edifices will serve also to commemorate their memories and valiant acts, in that it will enable man better to understand his fellow man, paving the way for a permanent world peace and good will among all men and nations.

The beauty, the depth, and the inspiration of this structure, however, are exceeded only by the appropriateness of its name and the leadership, the dedication, and the courageous vision of the man for whom it was named.

Although my good friend, Honorable Wendell P. Butler, will speak for the Board of Regents in a moment, he was unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Regents of Western in August; and in view of that fact, I believe he will permit me to relate an incident which has a direct bearing on this occasion and which, I further believe, each of you would be delighted to know. Because of the administrative proficiency and the expertise, generally, of our President, the duties of the Board of Regents have been of a minimum nature. Consequently, our meetings are fruitful, but not controversial. Despite this wonderful record, in August of this year, I must tell you that it was necessary for the first time since his appointment to the Presidency for our Board of Regents to overrule him. Let me hasten to explain. Last December, we appointed a committee to recommend to the Board the names to apply to some of our wonderful buildings here on the campus. In August the committee reported and made its recommendations, one of which was that this building be named the Kelly Thompson Hall of Science. Our President demurred and objected to that name, not only orally but also in writing. The Board of Regents considered this objection very carefully and promptly but unanimously overruled President Kelly Thompson. It is a pleasure to announce that we named this building in his honor. As soon as we had done so, Dr. Thompson said, "Gentlemen, I am not worthy of this honor." Again promptly and unanimously, he was overruled. I hope that you will realize that another of Dr. Thompson's sterling characteristics is his very

noticeable modesty. But we are proud of the action which was taken. In fairness to you, I believe that you should know of his magnanimous thinking and his attitude leading up to this particular time.

Ladies and gentlemen, permit me to leave these concluding thoughts: With pride but with humility, the Alumni are grateful to the Captain of all Captains, to the Quarterback of all Quarterbacks, to the All-American of all All-Americans, to the Architect of all Architects for His divine guidance in making this edifice possible. Also, the Alumni are appreciative of and are indebted to President Thompson and to his staff, to Governor Combs and his entire administration, to the Board of Regents, to the faculty, to the Ogden Regent and Trustees, to the student body of this College, and particularly are we grateful for the enthusiasm and the interest of the citizenry of this fine city. Yes, all go to make up a championship team, but the ball game is not over, for we know that God's greatest reward for doing good work is the ability to do better work. So let us now and here resolve that we shall continue our team work and our concentrated efforts, and thinking so, we may provide and plan today that our youth of tomorrow will have an ample abundance of educational facilities. To that end, and in that manner only, can we give a full and richer flavor and meaning to the words contained in the seal of our College--Life, More Life.

Dean Cravens: Thank you, Mr. Lawrence. Ladies and gentlemen, had it not been for the welding of the spirit and the traditions of Western and

Ogden College, certainly this wonderful building could not have stood here on Ogden Campus as it does now. Our next speaker had a great deal to do with the accomplishment of this fact. His leadership, his vision, and his dedication to education and to Ogden College have marked him as one of Bowling Green's outstanding citizens. I present to you now Mr. Herbert J. Smith, Acting Regent of Ogden College. Mr. Smith:

Mr. Smith: Dean Cravens, Governor Combs, President Thompson, platform guests, ladies and gentlemen: Ogden College came into existence in Bowling Green in 1877, and for 50 years was a prime educational institution for the males of Bowling Green, Warren County, and the surrounding area. Many of its graduates went out into fields of banking, law, and education to do honor to this College. During its most glamorous days, Ogden had an enrollment of approximately 100 people. Today attending Western on Ogden Grants are 131 students from Bowling Green and Warren County. We look with pride that we can continue the education of boys and girls of Bowling Green and Warren County, in the State of Kentucky, as was Major Ogden's wish in 1873, when he died.

The program of the Ogden Foundation today is administered by a Board of Trustees. The scholarships are given on competitive examinations and by financial statement of those who can qualify. We share with pride today the dedication of the Kelly Thompson Science Building, and we look forward for many years to come to the fine relationship that has always existed between Western and Ogden. Thank you.

Dean Cravens: Thank you, Mr. Smith. On many occasions I have heard Dr. Kelly Thompson remark: "Western has the most wonderful Board of Regents in the United States." Our next speaker is the Chairman of that wonderful Board of Regents. He is an alumnus of who Western is exceedingly proud, and he is an educator who serves all of the people of Kentucky. Mr. Wendell Butler, Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, will speak for the Western Board of Regents. Mr. Butler:

Mr. Butler: Governor Combs, distinguished platform guests, ladies and gentlemen: Recently I gave an after-dinner speech. The person who introduced me referred to me as being an automat. I don't know what that means. He said, "You put in a dinner, and a speech comes out. When the speech comes out, everybody's dinner comes up."

As Chairman of the Board of Regents, it is my privilege to say a few words on this important occasion in the on-going history of a great institution. I want to express my appreciation for the invitation to come here and to say that it gives me a great deal of pleasure to participate in this event--the dedication of the wonderful building.

This is an age of science. Sometimes this age is referred to as the button age, but I am still of the opinion that the button that gets out front is still the one with the most push. I am happy to say here now that your President has a lot of push. I know of no finer building in Kentucky or any finer science building in the United States. I know of no building which has been more appropriately named than the Kelly Thompson

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Science Hall. We are gathered here today to dedicate this building--a building magnificent in appearance and in facilities.

When a Board of Regents selects a president, it has performed its most important task; and when this Board of Regents selected Kelly Thompson as President, it selected a person worthy of the post. When it named this building the Kelly Thompson Building, it conferred a deserving honor on a public servant. This building will stand as a monument of progress to Western State College. It will stand as a monument of progress to education in the State of Kentucky and as a monument of progress to the administration at Frankfort headed by Governor Combs. When history is written, Governor Combs' administration will get its distinction from the fact that it recognized education as the only foundation on which a great state can be built. This building is the recognition of his vision, his wisdom, and his foresight. If I remember correctly, the increase in the enrollment at Western this year is the highest in the State; and I predict we will have some pressing problems in the future because of the great increase in enrollment that is coming on. But where would we be today if we had an administration at Frankfort that did not have the vision and the foresight to anticipate some of these problems and to start taking action to solve them?

We are gathered here to dedicate this building, and it is fitting and proper that we do this. It is part of the American way of life to build for our uses and then to take pride in doing it. I want to congratulate everybody who had a part in the construction of this building and to say on behalf of the Board of Regents that the people of this community, Bowling Green, are certainly united in their quest for the best. I know of no finer science building in America.

Dean Cravens: Thank you, Mr. Butler. Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my great honor to introduce to you the man about whom we have heard so many wonderful things this afternoon and for whom this magnificent building is named--our great President, Dr. Kelly Thompson, who will introduce the Governor of Kentucky. Dr. Thompson:

Dr. Thompson: Dr. Cravens, Governor Combs, members of the Board of Regents of Western, members of the Ogden Board of Trustees, ladies and gentlemen, all: I would like to take advantage of this opportunity in presenting the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to take a minute or two to express my appreciation to a large number of people. As much as I would like to, I shall not deal in personalities or call any names.

We are going forward in a time of educational urgency and when the challenges of America are at their greatest. This occasion is, in a single small measure, an answer to both urgency and challenge. For its being, I would first express my appreciation to a loyal, capable, and hardworking faculty and staff of Western--a wonderful group of co-workers and friends. I would like to thank the citizens of Bowling Green and the surrounding area for the magnificent cooperation and support which they are giving to this educational institution in all of its endeavors. I would like to say "Thank you" to the many former members of the Board of Regents, whose guidance and counseling are helping Western, although their terms of office have expired, and as I have sat here, I have seen many of them in this audience--to the architects who designed this building--to the contractor who built it--to the subcontractors who aided him--to the suppliers

who furnished the material--and to all who worked on it, down to the shortest-term employee with the least responsibility--to the Commissioner of Finance of Kentucky and to members of the Division of the Budget--to members of the Division of Engineering and others at Frankfort who struggled with us throughout a long period of designing and creating.

I would like to express my appreciation to the General Committee and to the Steering Committee whose names are listed in your program. These Committees worked for more than two solid years to provide this facility for Western, and they accepted their responsibilities in an almost religious manner, spending countless hours in working out the details of the structure which is before you. I would also like to express appreciation to the dedication committee whose names are in your program and who worked so beautifully and efficiently that this occasion might be here at this moment.

I would like to express appreciation to the Ogden Regent and to the Trustees of Ogden for exercising the long-range view and the vision to make it possible for this wonderful location to be utilized for this building and without whose cooperation this afternoon would not have been possible--to the Board of Regents under whom I work, to each of them personally; no President could have a finer Board with which to work. I would say that, being human, naturally I received a great thrill and am most grateful for their naming this building as they did. But I say to them and I say to you that I do not feel now, and I have never felt, and I do not believe that I shall ever live a day when I will feel that I am worthy of this signal honor. But I pledge to them and I pledge to you that through this magnificent testimonial, I shall hope to find the inspiration to work harder and longer and in a more dedicated manner to justify

this great vote of confidence--though, in my opinion, it still remains totally undeserved.

That leads me to a final expression of appreciation; and in this expression of appreciation, I present to you the dedicatory speaker. I want to express appreciation to Governor Bert Combs because without Governor Comb's courage and without his vision and without his belief in education and what it can do for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, none of this could have been possible. He had a most difficult assignment--a hard product to sell--but he told the citizens of Kentucky, including you and me, that "without education, Kentucky cannot move forward, and I shall exert all of my influence in the advancement of education throughout our Commonwealth." Many great steps have been made at Western recently--steps that had to be made, or hungry boys and girls would have been denied a seat at the education table. So for the magnificence of this building and in full appreciation of what everyone else has done, I pay to him on this occasion a special tribute of thanks. I present him to you as a Governor in whom we can take the greatest of pride--a warm, friendly, honest, sincere man who wants Kentucky to go forward and to assume its rightful place in the march of the states of our nation. I present him to you with the greatest of pride, grateful for his appearance here on this occasion and saying to him that we at Western shall remain eternally grateful for all of the wonderful cooperation and help which he has given us. The First Citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Governor Bert Combs, and I ask you to join me in standing in an expression of welcome to him.

Governor Combs: President Thompson, Mr. Butler, members of the Board of Trustees of Ogden, members of the Board of Regents of Western, members of the faculty, student body, and my fellow Kentuckians: I said to a friend of mine recently that I always had a feeling of inferiority when people stood merely because I got up. This person was a little more frank than usual, I suppose. He said, "Well, but after all, it's a wonderful time for a seventh inning stretch." I do appreciate the gesture, of course.

I have a feeling of pleasure always when I come to Western, but I also have a feeling of inadequacy, because I have never been to an institution of higher learning which imparts more of an atmosphere of reverence for art and culture and learning and for the things I think a college is for. It is true, I think, that no other alumni in the State of Kentucky are as devoted as are those at Western. I am not sure what that is; I doubt if you know. But I know and you know that a great college is more than buildings, more than a great president, even more than a great Board of Regents, or even a great faculty and students. A great college is an atmosphere; it is an attitude--intangible perhaps, but at the same time very real--which creates a respect for learning and for following the dictates of our Creator. I do believe that there is an renaissance in education throughout America, and I believe Kentucky is one of the leaders of the renaissance.

Last year, for instance, 4,800 students applied for 1,000 openings in the freshman class of Yale University--5,000 competed for 1,100 places at Harvard. There were more than 9,000 applicants for 3,000 places at the University of Michigan. Kentucky,

too, is confronted with problems in the unprecedented flood of eager high-school graduates to the doors of our colleges. The enrollment of our Kentucky Colleges increased 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, between 1956 and 1960. The Kentucky Council on Higher Education last year estimated that by 1970 there would be another increase of 68%, but that is not all. An unexpected increase in college applicants in the last year has required that the original estimate be revised sharply upward. A striking example of the increase in college enrollment can be observed right here at Western. Your enrollment increased 69% from 1956 to 1960, and in just one year--the year since last fall--it has increased an additional 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %. The experts had estimated that Western's enrollment in 1970 would be 4,316 students, and you can imagine their consternation when this year the enrollment exceeded the 1970 estimate by 476 students. This is an increase of 160% in five years. Some of the other colleges wanted to have a recount, but Ted Gilbert, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, after making an investigation, said that the figures were accurate. This is as it should be.

I suggest to you, as leaders in Kentucky, that every Kentucky youth with the ability, the energy, and the will to get a college education should have that opportunity; and if we don't provide it for him, those of us in so-called positions of leadership have failed the youth of Kentucky. The scholar, Joseph Addison, said this: "What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul." The philosopher, the saint, the hero, the wise, and the good or the great very often lie hidden and concealed in an oblivion front--a front which a proper education might have disinterred and brought to light. Kentucky's effort to bring light to the philosophers,

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the heroes, the scientists, the educators and other fields of endeavor is well illustrated today at the dedication of this new magnificent science building, which is very appropriately named for your great President.

I have said before, and I will repeat now, that in my judgment Kelly Thompson is the symbol of the college president of the future. He is learned enough to sit down with the scholars, but he is practical enough to talk to the members of the Legislature of Kentucky--and he might have to do that next winter. He is the "new look" in college presidents throughout the country. It was no accident, of course, that the Kentucky Press Association selected your President as the Kentuckian of the Year for 1960. And it is most appropriate that this science building, to my mind, represents the inquiring mind and the creative spirit--the spirit in the symbol of the age of space; and I think it is fitting tribute and I commend the Board of Regents for doing it--that this magnificent building which symbolizes the age of space be named for this man whose entire life has been so closely connected with this great institution and whose dedication and whose unselfish spirit and perserverance have added so very much to the prestige of your great institution. I somehow think that Dr. Cherry and the giants of the past are perhaps looking down here today and are satisfied with what they see.

It is a real honor and a privilege for me to participate in a small way in this ceremony here today, and I would suggest that we dedicate this building formally to the youth of Western Kentucky and this Commonwealth, and actually to the youth of America who, through their inquiring minds and through their creative spirits, will help

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us to build an even greater institution here and a greater Western Kentucky--a greater Commonwealth, and do our part toward building a greater America. Thank you very much.

Dean Cravens: Governor Combs, we deeply appreciate this inspiring address. Certainly your presence here and this address have made this occasion a very complete and a great occasion in the history of Western. We hope that you will find it possible to visit us again as often as you can. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you, on behalf of the faculty and the staff at Western, to attend the open house here in the science building immediately after the conclusion of the program and also to the open house which is being held at West Hall, the new dormitory. There will be no recessional today. Immediately after the choral benediction by Mr. Pauli and the Western Choir, we will be dismissed. And now will you please rise for the choral benediction.

(Choir sings "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," by Lutkin)

Announcer: During the past hour and ten minutes radio station WKCT has broadcast dedicatory exercises on Western Kentucky College campus, formally opening the Kelly Thompson Science Hall. The address of the occasion was made by Kentucky's Governor Bert Combs. The Science Hall, a magnificent structure located on old Ogden College campus, is now open to the public, and you are invited to visit the building this afternoon. From now until 6 o'clock open house is being observed at the science hall and also at the new dormitory and grill, located on the

Sixteenth Street dormitory area of the campus. And now with the invitation from Western officials for you to inspect these new facilities, radio WKCT has completed its public service broadcast. We now return you to our studios in downtown Bowling Green. This is Southern Kentucky's favorite radio, WKCT--Central Standard Time now 3:06 p.m.