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Groundbreaking for the
Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences

with special guest
Governor Paul E. Patton

Friday, August 16, 2002
8:15 a.m. (CDT)
Complex for Engineering & Biological Sciences
Groundbreaking Ceremony
August 16, 2002

Program

Welcome
Dr. Gary A. Ransdell
President, WKU

Introduction of Guests

Remarks
Kristen Bale
Chair, WKU Board of Regents

Sue Moore
President, Council on Postsecondary Education Board

Kent Guthrie
WKU Engineering Executive Advisory Committee

Roger Greenwell
Student, WKU Biology Dept.

Dr. Blaine Ferrell
Dean, Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Senator Richie Sanders
KY Senate

Speaker Jody Richards
KY House of Reprentatives

Keynote Remarks
Governor Paul E. Patton

Groundbreaking

Adjourn

Please visit the demonstrations of award-winning projects located adjacent to the stage
Western Kentucky University's Excellence in Biological Science and Engineering Programs

The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University are constructing a $20 million building for Ogden College of Science and Engineering. The facility will house state-of-the-art laboratories for WKU's emerging joint civil, mechanical and electrical engineering programs. The facility will also house the biology department's biotechnology center, biodiversity center and the water quality lab which are all part of Western's Applied Research and Technology Program, WKU's first Program of Distinction.

Engineering facilities include: an electronic classroom, student project design rooms, a student outreach room, an engineering prototype facility, and laboratories. These facilities will support engineering activities as diverse as materials science, electronics, surveying, robotics, construction materials and dynamic systems.

Biology facilities will include research laboratories for ecology and conservation, microbiology, molecular and cell biology, aquatic biology, physiology, evolutionary biology, plant molecular biology, physiology, genetics, a biotechnology center, teaching laboratories, a cell culture facility and the water resources center.

Since 1997, when Ogden College was named a Program of Distinction, the Applied Research and Technology Program, with 12 interacting centers representing several disciplines, has worked within a cooperative and interdisciplinary framework to apply state-of-the-art science toward solutions to the technological problems of government, industry and the environment. Both the engineering and biology programs play an important role as catalysts of the New Economy Initiative to attract high tech companies to Kentucky for economic development. The new Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences offers a vision of the future for Western science and engineering students.