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*on Finney Reg Warm-Dm H- Bill Miller -  
- old man*

SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES.....FHSU  
PHYSICAL SCIENCES BUILDING.....1:30 P.M.....MAY 7, 1993

1:30 P.M.

(BOB LOWEN, M.C.)

GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND WELCOME TO  
THE CAMPUS OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO THE  
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR OUR NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
BUILDING.....

THIS IS INDEED AN HISTORICAL DAY.....AND WE'RE HAPPY  
THAT YOU ARE WITH US.....WITNESSING HISTORY IN THE  
MAKING.....

I KNOW THAT OUR PLATFORM GUESTS NEED NO INTRODUCTION  
BUT LET'S MEET THEM ANYWAY.....AND LET'S MEET THEM IN  
THE ORDER THEY WILL BE SPEAKING.....

FIRST.....THE REV. BILL MILLER.....RETIRED MINISTER  
FROM THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HAYS.....

THE PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY.... DR.  
EDWARD H. HAMMOND.....

THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.....  
JOAN FINNEY.....

~~AND~~ REPRESENTING THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS..... MR.  
SYD WARNER FROM CIMMARON.....

*and Rep. Debbie Green  
Sean Hys.*

NO CELEBRATION OF THIS KIND WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOOD FRIEND.....THE REV. BILL MILLER.....BILL HAS BEEN DELIVERING THE GOOD WORD FOR US HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR MANY YEARS.....IT IS ~~ONLY~~ **ONLY** APPROPRIATE THAT HE COME FORWARD WITH ANOTHER MESSAGE OF HOPE AND LOVE.....

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THANK YOU BILL.....AS ALWAYS.....**NOBODY** DOES IT BETTER!

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IN 1987.....WHEN JERRY TOMANEK RETIRED FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF OUR INSTITUTION.....THE BOARD OF REGENTS LOOKED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE FOR THE NEXT LEADER, THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY.....

SINCE COMING TO HAYS.....PRESIDENT EDWARD H. HAMMOND HAS CONTINUED SEVERAL WELL KNOWN TRADITIONS ON THIS CAMPUS.....SUCH AS.....THE TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE .....~~A TRADITION OF~~ HIRING THE FINEST PROFESSORS AVAILABLE.....~~and~~ A TRADITION OF GRADUATING THE BEST EDUCATED STUDENTS THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN.....

PRESIDENT HAMMOND LED THE CHARGE TO TURN THIS CAMPUS INTO AN ELECTRONIC LEARNING AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT.....NOW OUR GRADUATES LEAVE US WITH BOTH A WONDERFUL EDUCATION.....AND COMPUTER LITERACY.....



THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH.....  
 ENHANCING THE SCHOLARSHIP BASE FOR STUDENTS.....INCREASED  
 FUND RAISING EFFORTS.....

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERACTIVE VIDEO  
 SYSTEM.....DIGITAL VOICE COMMUNICATION .....ECONOMIC  
 DEVELOPMENT IN HAYS AND THROUGHOUT KANSAS.....

CURRICULUM CHANGES..... FACULTY <sup>\$ STAFF</sup> SALARY INCREASES.....  
 OPERATING BUDGET INCREASES.... AND.....AS GOVERNOR FINNEY  
 AND SYD WARNER CAN ATTEST.....

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN A MOVER AND SHAKER FOR BETTER  
 FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY ALIKE..... FACILITIES  
 SUCH AS THIS NEW SCIENCE BUILDING.....

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.....TRULY A MAN FOR ALL  
 SEASONS.....THE PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY.....  
 PRESIDENT EDWARD H. HAMMOND.....

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(PRESIDENT SPEAKS).....

THANK YOU FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION BOB.....  
 GOV. FINNEY.....REGENT WARNER.....REV. MILLER.....AND  
 ALL OF YOU SPECIAL PEOPLE WITH US TODAY.....THANK YOU FOR  
 COMING AND BEING A PART OF HISTORY HERE TODAY.....

THE PROCESS OF PROPOSING A NEW FACILITY FOR THIS  
INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING.....BEGAN WITH THE IDEA OF  
WHAT OUR INSTITUTION IS.....AND WHAT IT SHOULD BE IN THE  
FUTURE.....

WE CONSIDERED THE MISSION OF OUR UNIVERSITY.....THAT  
OF A REGIONAL LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY.....WITH A SPECIAL  
ELECTRONIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.....

WE CONSIDERED OUR UNIVERSITY'S PROUD PAST.....AND OF  
COURSE.....WE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT ITS GLORIOUS  
FUTURE.....

WE LOOKED AT CURRENT FACILITIES.....BUILDINGS AND  
EQUIPMENT.....AND THE CONDITIONS THERE WERE IN.....AND  
WE CONSIDERED RENOVATION.....

BUT A MAJOR CONCERN OF OURS WAS THAT OUR NEW  
CURRICULUM NEEDED A NEW KIND OF SCIENCE FACILITY.....ONE  
THAT ENCOMPASSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS.....COMPUTING.....  
AND TELEVISION.....

THUS BEGAN THE DREAM FOR THIS BUILDING.....

INHERENT IN THIS PROJECT IS THE BELIEF THAT THIS  
UNIVERSITY CAN HELP "INVENT THE FUTURE" OF INSTRUCTION  
AND RESEARCH IN THE SCIENCES BY HARNESSING THESE  
TECHNOLOGIES IN A UNIQUE FACILITY UNLIKE MOST OTHER SCIENCE  
BUILDINGS.....

WE TOOK OUR DREAM TO OUR FACULTY.....OUR STUDENT LEADERS.....OUR ALUMNI..... TO THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE ....TO GOV. FINNEY.....AND ON TO WASHINGTON D.C. AND TO SEN BOB DOLE.....WHO, I'M SORRY TO SAY.....COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY....

WITH THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT OF A CAST OF HUNDREDS....  
.....AND A LITTLE LUCK.....THE REST.....AS THEY SAY.....IS HISTORY .....

TODAY.....WE BREAK GROUND FOR WHAT WILL BECOME A SHOWCASE BUILDING .....AN EXAMPLE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY..... AND A BUILDING THAT IS THE RESULT OF WHAT A LOT OF CARING.....WONDERFUL PEOPLE.....LIKE YOU.....CAN DO BY WORKING TOGETHER.....

THERE ARE.....OF COURSE.....TOO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN HELPING US ATTAIN THIS FACILITY..... BUT I AM COMPELLED TO SAY "THANKS" TO GOV. FINNEY.....AND TO SEN. BOB DOLE .....FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY HELP.....

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO SERVED ON THE STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE..... NAMES SUCH AS.....SENATORS.....BEN VIDRICKSON..... JOE HARDER... JERRY KERR.....GUS BOGINA..... AND BILL WISDOM.....

AND REPRESENTATIVES.....DARRYL WEBB.....PHIL KLINE..... GEORGE TEAGARDEN.....AND DAVID HEINEMAN.....



WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED ON OUR CAMPUS FOR THE  
WORK THEY DID.....HELPING US SECURE THIS FACILITY.....

PLEASE PLAN TO BE WITH US DURING THE SUMMER OF  
1995.....FOR A BIG.....GRAND OPENING..... DEDICATION AND  
CELEBRATION.....OF THIS WONDERFUL SCIENCE BUILDING.....  
.....THANK YOU.....

*Now you know why we at FITSU believe we're in good hands -*

(LOWEN SPEAKS).....JOAN FINNEY IS A FIFTH  
GENERATION KANSAN.....WHOSE CAREER HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO  
PUBLIC SERVICE.....

GOV. FINNEY WAS INAUGURATED AS KANSAS' 42ND GOVERNOR  
AND THE STATE'S FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 14,  
1991.....SHE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ECONOMIC HISTORY  
FROM WASHBURN UNIVERSITY.....

UNDER HER LEADERSHIP.....THE STATE OF KANSAS RANKS  
NEAR THE TOP OF ALL THE STATES IN AMERICA.....IN TERMS OF  
FISCAL STRENGTH AND FINANCIAL HEALTH.....

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.....A GOOD FRIEND OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION.....THE GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF  
KANSAS.....THE HONORABLE.....JOAN FINNEY.....

(GOV. FINNEY SPEAKS) .....THANK YOU BOB .....IT IS MY  
PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL DAY ON THE FORT  
HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.....

*(GOV SPEAKS)*

*(Gov speaks)*

BOB WAS RIGHT WHEN HE SAID I AM A FRIEND OF  
EDUCATION.....I AND THE LEGISLATURE MUST ALWAYS DO  
EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR FISCAL POWER TO SUPPORT THE  
FINEST.....THE STRONGEST..... THE BEST..... EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS POSSIBLE.....FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS.....

(ETC.....ETC.....)

(LOWEN SPEAKS) THANK YOU GOV. FINNEY FOR THOSE KIND  
WORDS..... IT CERTAINLY IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US  
TODAY.....

ABOUT SIX SHORT MONTHS AGO.....GOV. FINNEY WAS  
REVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR AN IMPORTANT POST.....THAT OF  
KANSAS BOARD OF REGENT MEMBER.....

FROM A LIST OF OUTSTANDING PEOPLE.....ONE STOOD  
.....HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE OTHERS..... A MAN  
FROM SOUTHWEST KANSAS.....A MAN WHO HAD BEEN EXTREMELY  
SUCCESSFUL IN FARMING.....RANCHING.....INSURANCE..... AND  
REAL ESTATE.....

THAT MAN WAS SYDNEY WARNER FROM CIMMARON.....

MR. WARNER.....WHO HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
ECONOMICS FROM KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY..... IS QUICKLY  
BECOMING A TOWER OF STRENGTH ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS.....

*Now with a message on behalf  
of the Bd Reg - Mr Sydney Warner.*



HERE WITH A MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE REGENTS.....MR.  
SYDNEY WARNER.....

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(MR. WARNER SPEAKS) THANK YOU BOB.....IT CERTAINLY  
IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND TO BE PART OF THIS GREAT DAY  
FOR FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY.....THE BOARD OF  
REGENTS.....AND FOR THE STATE OF KANSAS.....

IN REALITY.....THIS IS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR AMERICA  
AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL.....FOR IT IS SOCIETY THAT WILL  
BENEFIT MOST FROM THE RESULTS OF THE TEACHING AND THE  
LEARNING THAT WILL GO ON IN THIS FACILITY IN THE  
FUTURE.....

THIS SCIENCE BUILDING IS THE FIRST "NEW" STRUCTURE TO BE  
BUILT AT FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY SINCE 1981.... AND IT  
WILL CERTAINLY BE AN BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO THIS ALREADY  
ATTRACTIVE CAMPUS.....

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY HAS A LENGTHY AND PROUD  
HISTORY OF GRADUATING STUDENTS WITH A SOLID EDUCATION.....  
AND A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCIENCES.....

STUDENTS WHO MAJOR IN THE AREAS OF CHEMISTRY.....  
GEOSCIENCES..... AND PHYSICS.....ARE IN DEMAND NATIONALLY...

AND THE HEALTH.....PETROLEUM..... TEACHING.....AND  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.....PROFESSIONS.....ARE BETTER  
BECAUSE OF THOSE GRADUATES.....

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.....THANK YOU FOR  
ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT DAY AND I LOOK  
FORWARD TO THE FACILITY'S FORMAL DEDICATION IN 1995.....

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(LOWEN SPEAKS.....) THANK YOU MR. WARNER FOR THOSE  
KIND WORDS AND THANK YOU FOR COMING.....

IT'S TIME NOW TO OFFICIALLY "BREAK" OR "TURN" THE  
GROUND AND BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THIS NEW PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE FACILITY.....

PRESIDENT HAMMOND.....GOV. FINNEY..... AND MR.  
WARNER.....PLEASE PUT ON YOUR "HARD HATS" .....AND  
PROCEED TO THE PROPER AREA.....WHERE MR. KING WILL GIVE  
EACH OF YOU A SHOVEL.....

WE WANT SOME VERY SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS  
OCCASION.....SO PLEASE TURN SEVERAL SHOVELS OF DIRT.....

(GET DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN SHOT.....STUDENT GOVT., ETC)

(LOWEN.....AFTER A FEW MINUTES.....) THANK YOU FOR BEING  
WITH US LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.....WE ARE ADJOURNED.....

*BILL MILLER*

*Adbis - steel  
Rich Hughes  
Fac. Sec.*