Anderson University to break ground on athletic campus

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Anderson University will celebrate two projects Saturday, which is also move-in day for students.

The university will officially begin construction on its athletic campus Saturday afternoon.

Over several years, the university plans to build new athletic fields, a stadium, tennis courts and a pool on the site of the old Anderson County fairgrounds.

Crews spent several days this summer tearing down some of the old buildings on the 44-acre site.

A new biochemistry lab will also open, along with an upgraded biology lab next door. The upgrades came as the university prepares to launch a biochemistry degree in fall 2014, said university spokesman Barry Ray.

The university spent more than $1 million on the new labs, Ray said.

Saturday is also move-in day for the university’s 657 freshmen. That is the largest freshman class in the university’s history, said spokesman Barry Ray, and it is 137 students larger than last year’s class.

The ribbon cutting for the new biochemistry lab will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Watkins Hall. The groundbreaking will be at 5:30 p.m. at the athletic campus.
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