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RIVES TO SEEK APPROVAL OF REC CENTER BIDS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives will request approval of construction bids for a \$6 million Student Recreation Center-Addition to Lantz at the June 21 meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities in Springfield. The project is financed by student fees, not tax dollars. It was approved earlier in a student referendum.

Rives will also ask for Board approval to proceed with the development of a long-range campus master plan for Eastern, which will provide guidelines for campus development over the next quarter-century consistent with the educational, research, and public service mission of the University.

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He will also request approval to repair and resurface the parking lot at O'Brien Stadium.

The Student Recreation Center construction bids recommended include a general contract and separate contracts for electrical, heating, plumbing, ventilation and fire protection work for the Recreation Center.

Included in the construction bids and recommended for approval is an additional gymnasium which was specified and bid as an alternate. "The needed additional recreational space can be built for approximately \$40 per square foot compared to approximately \$70 per square foot for the remainder of the building, making it an extremely attractive alternative," according to Rives.

Construction is expected to begin soon after approval of the bids with completion scheduled for late July, 1991.

The facility will add approximately 70,000 square feet to Lantz Gymnasium, which currently cannot accommodate the increasing demand for recreational activities.

It would extend directly north from the current Lantz Fieldhouse, where a gravel parking lot is now located.