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OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND FOR EIU GREEK COURT

CHARLESTON, IL.--During a groundbreaking ceremony today (June 3), Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives said the \$2.5 million Greek Court for some of the University's fraternities and sororities will not only provide them with more adequate housing, but it will also bring back the "unity" Eastern's Greek community has lacked.

Rives dedicated the ceremony to James D. ("Dave") Dean, who died Wednesday. He praised Dean, who was Eastern's Director of Administrative and Planning Services, for his service to the community and the University and for his professional competence.

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Among the distinguished guests Eastern's Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams introduced were State Representative Mike Weaver and Eastern alumnus John Schmitt, who is a member of Governor James R. Thompson's staff and a former member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at Eastern.

Also present were Charleston Mayor Murray Choate; Chancellor Thomas Layzell of the Board of Governors, Eastern's governing body; Jim Upchurch of Upchurch and Associates of Mattoon, the project architect; and Charleston Commissioner Wayne Lanman.

In bringing greetings from the BOG, Layzell said, "With the creation of the Greek Court, Eastern will be providing the best possible solution for total living by its fraternities and sororities.

"With this groundbreaking for the two units and four houses, Eastern begins a project the BOG is proud to support."

Layzell and Rives commended State Representative Weaver for his present and past support of education and for recently introducing a bill in the House of Representatives that would provide adequate funding for education.

The fraternity/sorority court, to be located north of Carmen Hall on Ninth Street, will be completed in three phases, after site work is completed this summer.

The first phase, which is expected to be completed by Fall 1989, will consist of four houses in two units. Each house will accommodate between 40-42 students and will be located on University-owned land behind Ninth Street Hall.

The second and third phases will be initiated as the demand for additional housing exists. Recreational facilities and parking are included in the total project.