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EXCELLENT PROGRESS ON ART STUDIO

CHARLESTON, IL--Excellent progress is being made on the construction of Eastern Illinois University's art studios, according to Project Coordinator Bruce Michael of the University's Physical Plant Department.

"Good weather and good working conditions have enabled our construction crew to progress at a fast pace," Michael said.

He said this is the first building project for which the Physical Plant has served as general contractor. R.J. King Company, Inc., of Montrose did the site preparation, while Rettberg-Gruber Architects of Champaign provided architectural and engineering services.

The \$350,000 facility, located on the southwest corner of Ninth and Johnson streets, is the result of Eastern's "Make Room for Art" fund drive, coordinated by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation as part of its Tenth Decade Campaign.

It was completed through the efforts of a fund-raising committee headed by Maggie Hollowell of Charleston.

Michael said the new facility will make 18 studios available for graduate art students and faculty to replace makeshift quarters in houses. It will also contain a small gallery.

It is anticipated that the building will be occupied during the late Fall.