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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

CHARLESTON, IL.--Students, faculty and administrators gathered Wednesday (Aug. 22) for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of Eastern Illinois University's new Student Recreation Center.

In his remarks, Eastern President Stan Rives praised the Student Body for their effort "to build a better EIU." The \$6 million facility was approved by Eastern students in a referendum on Nov. 8, 1989.

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Rives also extended his thanks to project architect Bob Gruber of Rettberg-Gruber Architects, Champaign, who worked closely with the student recreation center planning committee, and the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, which approved the recreation center as a non-instructional capital improvement project on Nov. 13, 1989.

Student Body Executive Vice President Martha Price of Oblong said the expansion of the student recreational facilities will help Eastern remain competitive in attracting and retaining students.

Other Eastern officials present for the ceremony included Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robert Kindrick; Vice President for Administration and Finance Verna Armstrong; Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams; Vice President for Development Stephen Falk; Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Carol Pyles; and Associate Vice President for Facilities Vic Robeson.

The Student Recreation Center will add approximately 70,000 square feet to Lantz Gymnasium, which currently cannot accommodate the increasing demand from all sources to schedule recreational activities.

Student fees, beginning with the center's projected completion in August 1991, will be used to pay construction and operating costs.