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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER TO OPEN SOON

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's new Student Recreation Center will open Aug. 29, according to project architect Robert Gruber of Rettberg-Gruber Architects, Champaign.

The Student Recreation Center will be formally dedicated at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 12, when the Board of Governors Universities trustees will be meeting on the Eastern campus.

Gruber said Monday that contractors were painting lines on the wood flooring of five basketball court areas, installing the remainder of the resilient flooring for the jogging track and other exercise areas, and finishing electrical and mechanical work, as well as painting. All the wood floors will also need a finish coat, which requires 72 hours to dry, Gruber added.

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He said the staff of the Division of Recreational Sports, which will schedule and operate the facility, is expected to move into its new offices this week.

"I am pleased with the progress of the facility and confident that the students will be pleasantly surprised when they see the building completed," Gruber said.

The air-conditioned facility is being built as a result of a 1989 student referendum which called for funding through a per semester fee for all students. It will help meet the University's needs for recreational sport activities.

The Student Recreation Center, which is north of Lantz Gymnasium, will provide six basketball courts, which may also be used as volleyball and badminton courts; an indoor jogging track above the multi-use gym area; up to three multi-purpose areas for dancing, martial arts, and small aerobic dance sessions; a free-weight room and a personal exercise area with state-of-the-art aerobic fitness and body-part machine equipment; and student lounge area.

Dave Dutler, director of Recreational Sports, said beginning with the opening of the center on Thursday, Aug. 29, its hours will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Then, beginning Oct. 14 until March 29, it will remain open until 11 p.m. all days. If the need arises, an earlier opening time will be implemented, Dutler said.

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Students pay a fee of \$55 per semester (\$33 during the summer) for use of the facility. This is below the maximum \$60 per semester authorized in the referendum. Faculty and staff pay the same fee as students. Emeritus faculty and spouses and children of Eastern students and employees are also eligible to use the facility for a fee.

There is a special guest fee of \$4 per day for guests accompanied by an authorized student or faculty/staff adult user.

Faculty and staff will still pay a \$10 per year fee if they want to use existing facilities in Lantz, McAfee, and Buzzard Building. Students pay no special fees for use of these facilities. According to Dutler, however, aerobic sessions, structured intramurals and the fitness center will be located in the new Student Recreation Center.