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GOV. EDGAR TO ATTEND DEDICATION

CHARLESTON, IL--Following the Board of Governors Universities meeting at Eastern Illinois University Thursday morning (Sept. 12), BGU trustees will join Gov. Jim Edgar, an Eastern graduate, in dedicating the University's new \$6.4 million Student Recreation Center. The 1:30 p.m. ceremony will be held at the Center, located north of the Lantz Building.

The facility, built as a result of a 1989 student referendum which called for funding through a per semester fee for all students, will help meet the University's needs for additional space for the recreational sports programs.

At the Board meeting, Eastern President Stan Rives will request approval to award honorary degrees to two distinguished educators during the 1991-92 academic year.

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Rives will recommend Bertrand P. Holley, retired professor from Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business, for an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to be awarded at the fall commencement ceremony Dec. 8.

He will also request approval to award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to John Theodore (Ted) Sanders, Deputy Secretary in the U.S. Department of Education, at the spring commencement ceremony May 9.

Holley, who resides in Charleston, retired from Eastern in 1987 after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the University.

He has been active in many professional organizations, including the American Accounting Association, American Business Law Association, Delta Sigma Pi and Delta Mu Delta.

At Eastern, he was actively involved with the Sigma Pi social fraternity and was honored by the fraternity for 25 years of service to the organization. He also served on numerous committees in the Lumpkin College of Business and an endowed professorship was established in his name.

Sanders, former State Superintendent of Education for the Illinois State Board of Education and President of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System, was appointed U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education in 1989.

His career in education has included positions as Assistant State Superintendent for Administration and later Assistant State Superintendent for Instruction for the New Mexico Department of Education, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Nevada State Board of Education.

Honors bestowed upon Sanders include honorary degrees and alumni awards from three universities; an award as Educator of the Year in Texas; memberships in Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honorary societies; and election as President of the Council of Chief State School Officers and Vice President of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Executive Committee.

Rives will also brief Board trustees on the new Student Recreation Center and the University's new Campus Master Plan, a three-phase plan designed to lay out future development of the campus into the next century.

Robert Gruber of Rettberg-Gruber Architects of Champaign, architect for Eastern's Lumpkin Hall and the Student Recreation Center, is overseeing the development of the Campus Master Plan.

Chicago architect Walter Burley Griffin (1872-1922) laid out the original plan for the Eastern campus. He was best known for his design of Canberra, the national capital of Australia.

In addition, Rives will report on the influence Eastern faculty have had on the growth of undergraduate research through their involvement in the Council on Undergraduate Research, a national society for the advancement of scientific research at primarily undergraduate colleges and universities.

Other efforts to promote student research at Eastern have included the establishment of an Undergraduate Research Council, a seven-member Council that solicits, reviews, and ranks student proposals for funding.