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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER DEDICATION

CHARLESTON, IL--Governor Jim Edgar will join Eastern Illinois University Student Body President Martha Price in dedicating the University's new \$6.4 million Student Recreation Center on Thursday (Sept. 12).

The public is invited to the 1:30 p.m. dedication ceremony in the lobby of the Student Recreation Center, located north of the Lantz Building on Grant Street.

Other dignitaries joining Edgar and Price in dedicating the new building include Senator Harry "Babe" Woodyard of Chrisman, State Representative Michael Weaver of Ashmore, Board of Governors Universities Chairman Robert Ruiz, BGU Chancellor Thomas Layzell and Eastern President Stan Rives.

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The Student Recreation Center will provide the University with an additional 70,000 square feet of recreational space for its students.

"On Thursday, we will dedicate a dream--a dream that wouldn't have become a reality if it weren't for the students. They expressed a need for such a facility and through a student referendum, made the decision to fund the construction and operation of the facility through student fees," Rives said.

The two-level addition is connected to the existing Lantz Building. Construction costs were minimized by building the facility as an addition to Lantz, allowing use of the existing restroom/shower/locker areas and existing swimming pool of that building for the Student Recreation Center.

The new facility features six basketball courts, which may also be used as volleyball and badminton courts; a suspended jogging track; and three multi-purpose areas for aerobic dance sessions, martial arts, or other group activities.

It also includes free-weight and aerobic/body-part machine areas and a student lounge area with offices for the Division of Recreational Sports, the staff who will schedule and operate the facility.

"The \$6.4 million facility will help meet the University's needs for additional space to meet the increasing demand for recreational sports activities. Generations of Eastern students will benefit from the investment in this state-of-the-art facility," Rives said.