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ST. CLOUD, Minn., July--A groundbreaking ceremony for a major addition to Halenbeck Hall is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at St. Cloud State University. Halenbeck Hall is the university's health, physical education and recreation building.

Open to the public, the ceremony will be held on the south side of the present building, where the new structure will be erected. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the main gymnasium of Halenbeck Hall.

Gov. Al Quie has been invited to attend or to send a representative. Other speakers will be SCSU President Charles J. Graham, Dr. John Kasper and Kay Pfluger. Kasper is chairperson of the health, physical education and recreation department. Pfluger is a graduate student from Red Wing who was a member of the planning committee for the addition.

Graham has suggested that people who participate wear sports clothing or jogging attire. He pointed out that the function of the addition is to enhance recreation and physical fitness. Also, he added, "casual dress will be more comfortable in the August heat."

The 1979 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$4.7 million for the addition, which will provide 60,000 square feet of space for instructional, intramural and recreation activities.

Features will include a 200-meter track, five tennis courts, five basketball courts, six handball/racquetball courts, facilities for badminton and volleyball, a physiology laboratory and team rooms and locker rooms for women's athletics.

Donlar Corporation of St. Paul is the general contractor. Project architects are Sovik-Mathre-Sathrum-Quanbeck Architects and Planners of Northfield.

The project is expected to be completed by early 1981. The original building was completed in 1965