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ST. CLOUD, Minn., Nov.--Tuesday, Dec. 2, is Dedication Day for Halenbeck Hall South, a new \$5 million addition at St. Cloud State University (SCSU).

Attached to the south end of Halenbeck Hall, the three-story structure provides 86,900 square feet of space for physical education and physical fitness activities. Construction began in the summer of 1979.

St. Cloud native Wheelock Whitney, president of the Minnesota Council on Health, will be the keynote speaker at a 7:30 p.m. ceremony.

Open to the public, the half-hour program will be conducted in the addition. President Charles J. Graham also will speak, recognizing persons who have been instrumental in planning, funding and constructing the companion structure to Halenbeck Hall, completed in 1965. The building is named for Dr. Philip L. Halenbeck, a retired St. Cloud physician who provides scholarships for SCSU students.

Refreshments will be served in the east balcony area of the addition after the ceremony.

Completion of the addition, several weeks ahead of schedule, gives SCSU the largest and most complete physical education and recreation complex in central Minnesota. A wide variety of high school and collegiate sports events are scheduled in Halenbeck Hall annually.

A user fee system has been established to enable St. Cloud area residents to share facilities in the addition, which will be open evenings and weekends as well as daytime hours.

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Students, faculty, staff and community residents are invited to participate in Dedication Day activities, not just as spectators but as participants, according to Diane Guse, director of recreational sports.

Group runs, open to the public, will begin at noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., immediately after the ceremony. Also scheduled are volleyball and basketball games between noon and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and midnight. Courts are available on the hour. Tennis courts also can be reserved during these time periods.

Interested persons may call Guse at 255-3325 during weekday office hours before Nov. 21.

Wheelock Whitney was chosen as the dedication ceremony speaker because he is a prominent Minnesotan who has demonstrated a concern for physical fitness. The former president of the Investment Bankers Association of America retired in 1972 as chief executive officer for Dain Bosworth, Inc., Minneapolis, to pursue his interests in chemical dependency and health education.

Whitney served for 12 years as chairman of the Johnson Institute, a non-profit organization he founded for research, counseling and treatment in alcoholism and drug addiction. He is on the board of directors of the National Council on Alcoholism.

The major feature of Halenbeck Hall South is an activity center bordered by a 200-meter, six-lane running track and multiple-purpose areas for indoor track and field events, baseball and softball practice, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis and other sports and games. The entire surface is covered by a composition floor, 30 feet below the roof beams. The center is 160 feet wide and 300 feet long.

A system of suspended nets enables various activities to be separated when they are happening simultaneously within the center.

On the east side of the building are six regulation-size racquetball courts, a wrestling practice room and intramural offices.

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Another feature is a human performance facility for teaching, research and service. Included are a laboratory; an examining room; two test stations equipped with a treadmill, oclloscopes, stationary bicycles and cross-country ski machine; underwater weighing equipment, and an office.

Second floor facilities include locker rooms, six women's team rooms and observation balconies for the racquetball courts and activity center.

On the third floor level are three classrooms, nine faculty offices and two conference rooms. The third floor rooms are air conditioned.

Project architects for the addition were Sovik-Mathre-Sathrum-Quanbeck Architects and Planners, Northfield. General contractor was Donlar Construction Company, St. Paul.