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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR ATWOOD CENTER EXPANSION PLANNED OCT. 30 AT SCSU

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (Oct.) -- A groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction on the \$5.9 million renovation and expansion of Atwood Memorial Center at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) is planned for 11 a.m. Oct. 30 outside of the Atwood Center. SCSU Students, staff, faculty and the public are invited to attend.

The addition to the SCSU student center will increase the size of the building by about one-third, said Karla Blank, Atwood's acting director.

The addition and renovation of the existing building will be done in two phases, with the first stage completed by next fall, and the second by 1993.

When the construction is complete, the building can accommodate about 17,000 people. The present building, constructed in 1966, can handle about 10,000 people.

The project includes major renovation of the food service area on the lower level, Blank said. The lower level will include a new, non-alcoholic nightclub; a coffee shop, a pizza/sub shop; a fast-food restaurant; and a food court.

On the main level, plans call for increased lounge and office space and a new information center. In addition, a convenience store and one other retail store are planned, Blank said.

The Minnesota State University System board approved funding for the expansion in 1988. Student activity fees will be used to pay for the construction.

For more information on the expansion, contact Blank at (612) 255-3822.

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