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The community is invited to observe with the Indiana State University Evansville students, faculty and staff, the groundbreaking ceremony for the ISUE University Center on November 8, 1972, at 4:00 p.m.

The first dirt will be turned by an old-fashioned plow pulled by university students, faculty, administration, and friends. The plow was loaned to the Evansville Campus by Burch Plow Works, Incorporated of Evansville, Indiana. The rope to pull the plow is heavy-duty plastic barge rope from the Southwind Port area made available to Indiana State University Evansville by Mt. Vernon Barge Cleaning, Incorporated of Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Final approvals for construction of the University Center have been given by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the Budget Agency and Governor Edgar Whitcomb.

The University Center, a 2.1 million dollar project, will provide facilities for recreation; office space for student union, student government, and student organizations; student lounge; food service and dining area; and the University Bookstore.

The University Center, a tri-level structure, will be located west of the Library and sited in such a manner as

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to retain the features of the natural environment created by the dominant hill mass in the center of the campus. A connecting bridge will be constructed to link the third floor of the University Library with the third floor of the University Center. The link structure, to be known as the Continuing Education Wing, will provide multi-purpose rooms for continuing education instruction and meeting rooms.

The University Center is expected to be completed in December, 1973. Hironimus Knapp and Given Associates of Evansville, Indiana, are architects on the project, and Ewing Miller Associates of Terre Haute, Indiana, served as design architects. Contracts for the University Center will be awarded, subject to HUD approval, to Deig Brothers Lumber and Construction Company for general construction; Kuebler Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., for mechanical work, and Roettger Electric Company for elecrrical work.