MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT: Groundbreaking for First Building in University Park

The University has entered into an agreement with RTR Joint Venture Partnership for construction of the first building in University Park. A cooperative development of the Turley Martin Company, Ross & Baruzzini, Inc., and C. Rallo Contracting Company, the 39,280-square-foot building will be located on 2.76 acres of land leased from the University. SIUE will lease 28,080 square feet of this building from RTR for seven years to house faculty and department offices, fifteen laboratories, four classrooms, and other space for the School of Engineering. The space will provide alleviation for acute space problems facing the School of Engineering until a permanent engineering building is completed. The balance of the structure will be available for leasing to other tenants.

Construction of the new building at 200 University Park Drive is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 15, with groundbreaking ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. Substantial completion is expected by December 31, 1990, and the School of Engineering will begin occupying its space during Winter Quarter.

I cordially invite you to participate in this signal event.