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For the first time in 41 years a new dormitory is ~~under~~ under construction at St. Cloud State Teachers college.

Detailed plans for the new building were revealed this week. Designed by Frank Jackson and Associates, the building ~~is~~ <sup>will be</sup> three stories high on the street side and four stories high on the side facing the Mississippi river.

It will be located on First Avenue south at Fifth Street south, just north of Kiehle library and the Whitney home. The latter, acquired by the college this year, is also being used now as a women's dormitory.

Original plans called for a building housing 400 students but needs at the other teachers colleges and rising construction costs cut that figure to 220 students, two to a room. However, the building is so designed that wings may be added to house another 172.

In a detailed report last winter to the legislative interim committee on state building needs the college estimated that dormitory space for 800 additional students would be required by 1958. Obviously, the new building will fall far short of that figure.

Dormitories now being buuilt at the five teachers colleges are to be paid for at no cost to the state by long-term bonds, gradually liquidated through the fees collected at the dormitories. President George F. Budd said this week that permission to construct additional dormitories under this plan will be sought from the 1957 legislature.

The new building will be a women's dormitory but present plans call for conversion of Shoemaker hall into a men's dormitory when the new building is ready for occupancy.

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The new dormitory will be constructed of face brick matching very closely with that of Kiehle library and Stewart hall. The main floor will be approached through a lobby 34 feet wide and 20 feet deep facing on First Avenue south. Trim of St. Cloud granite will be used to decorate the lobby entrance.

Off the lobby on the main floor will be a general office, the director's office, checking facilities, public rest rooms, a large public lounge, and a private dormitory lounge for women living on the first floor. A similar private lounge will be available for recreation and group meetings on each of the other floors.

A special feature of the ~~main~~ first floor plan will be that the public lounge and the dormitory lounge can be made into one large lounge for public functions by throwing open the folding doors that will separate them. The large lounge will be 71 feet by 30 feet.

Each floor of the dormitory will be divided into three separate groups or houses, each with its own counselor and each with its own central bathing and toilet facilities. These ~~fkakkkkkk~~ central facilities will also include a pressing room, a janitor's closet, and a linen room.

The individual rooms will be 12 feet by 16 feet. They will contain built-in wardrobes, a combination vanity table and study desk for each occupant, and two ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>individual</sup> beds.

The basement floor will contain a large activity room with a snack bar, a television room, dormitory recreation space, and the various service facilities such as heating and plumbing equipment, janitor's room, linen rooms, laundry, and trunk storage rooms. The wall on the river side will be mostly glass facing out onto an open garden area at the ground level.

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The dormitory will be 220 feet long on the street side with an additional 122 foot wing stretching back toward the river.

Contracts let this summer included Wahl Construction Co., St. Cloud, general construction, \$607,420; Sporleder Heating and Plumbing Company, St. Cloud, plumbing, heating and ventilating, \$136,308; Erickson Electric Service, St. Cloud, electrical installation, \$68,020.

The building should be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1958.

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