Construction gets underway here next week on the 400-bed addition to Shoemaker hall on the St. Cloud State college campus.

Local bids totaling $1,498,990 were accepted Monday at the Quarterly meeting of the State College board in St. Paul, according to President George F. Budd.

Contracts were awarded Wahl Construction company ($1,039,937), Knapp Plumbing and Heating ($179,500) and the Granite City Electric company ($108,513).

"Although prime contracts amount to $1,327,850, we are anticipating that the total contract will amount to $1,498,990 because of equipment costs, contingencies and other necessary expenses," architect Frank Jackson said today.

According to Jackson the dormitory addition will be completed September 15, 1960, with occupancy later the same month.

Wahl's bid won over 14 others opened at a special meeting here April 24. Ten heating and ventilation bids and six for electrical work were received at the same time and have been under advisement by college authorities since.

The proposed addition will be constructed to the south of the present building at First avenue and 10 street south. The east wing will be six stories, the west wing four stories and the center section two.

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Shoemaker hall's addition will house 398 students and will provide living quarters for the dormitory director, a lobby, lounge, public offices, large recreation room, storage room, laundry room and mechanical equipment space. It will tie in with the older part of the building with an extended dining room. The old kitchen also will be completely remodeled and new equipment will be installed.