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ST. CLOUD, Minn., Aug. -- When Joe Freshman arrives at St. Cloud State College next month, he probably will unpack his suitcase in one of Shoemaker Hall's 200 new rooms.

Once a modest three-story dormitory housing about 100 students, Shoemaker is now the college's largest residence hall designed to accommodate more than 500 men students.

Dominating the original 45-year-old building is a massive split-level, double-wing addition scheduled for completion before the fall quarter begins Sept. 26.

Longer and wider than a football field, the \$1,327,650 addition consists of a six-story east wing and a four-story west wing joined by a two-story lounge and recreation room. Linking the old building with the new is a modern cafeteria-style dining room where 275 students may eat at one sitting.

Constructed of brick and reinforced concrete, the completely fireproof addition features red glass panels above and below each window and granite trim at the north entrance.

On each floor, rooms are clustered around central facilities which include bathrooms, lounge, living room and utility room. This single-load corridor arrangement will allow more privacy than is provided by dormitories where rooms face each other across the hall. Both wings have an elevator and stairway.

The two students who occupy each room will be provided with two single beds, a lounge chair, two fiberglass study chairs, a vinyl-topped double study desk, separate closets and a book and utility shelf. One wall has been painted a gay accent color and the panel-draped window affords a view either of the campus or the nearby Mississippi River.

Students may use the activity room on their floor for study and light recreation and the adjoining utility room for pressing pants and brewing coffee. The dormitory's main recreation room on the ground floor will be equipped with ping pong and shuffleboard facilities. Next to it is a television room seating as many as 60 students.

The building's kitchen and dining room will be of the latest design, featuring stainless steel equipment, ceramic tile floors and walls, walk-in freezers, modern dishwashers and a conveyer belt for moving dishes from the dining room to the dish-washing room.

On the ground floor of the east wing is a two-bedroom apartment which will be occupied by the dormitory director, James Graeve, who will be assisted by James Matchie and student supervisors on each floor. At the same time the new addition is nearing completion, the original building is being remodeled and redecorated. The entire block on which the dormitory complex is located will be landscaped.

Both the architect, Frank Jackson and Associates, and general contractor, Art Wahl and Son, are St. Cloud firms.

What will it cost to live in the college's newest residence hall? Room and board are \$210 per quarter or \$630 for the school year, according to Gerald Ferguson, housing director. This amounts to 50 cents per meal and less than \$8 per week for housing.

"Considering the excellent facilities and the well-balanced meals to be provided at Shoemaker, we feel the student who lives there will be getting a bargain for his money," Ferguson said. "Students may contract for a room as soon as they complete registration."