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Construction will begin early next month on a \$283,413 addition to the Campus Laboratory School at St. Cloud State College, according to Howard Walton, director of physical resources.

The addition, which will be an extension of the east wing of the present building, will include a regulation size gymnasium and an allied arts area.

General contractor will be Kratochvil Construction Company of New Prague, which submitted a low bid of \$205,870. Bids were opened Thursday (April 13) in St. Paul.

All subcontractors will be St. Cloud firms, Walton said. Low bidders were: electrical -- Erickson Electrical Service, \$21,645; plumbing -- Phil Thometz and Son, \$22,000; heating -- St. Cloud Plumbing and Heating, \$10,898, and ventilating -- Phil Thometz and Son, \$23,000.

The addition's physical education facilities will include, besides the gymnasium, two dressing rooms, two physical education offices and two conference rooms, an equipment storage area and an independent ventilating system for the gymnasium.

An industrial arts general shop will include facilities for woodworking, metal working, electricity, crafts, power, graphic arts and drawing. Adjoining the shop will be an art studio and ceramics room. There will be a display area, an office and a storage area for both industrial arts and art.

The project also will include development and fencing of the school's playground areas to the south and north of the present building.

Until the addition is completed, Laboratory School pupils will continue to use physical education, art and industrial arts facilities at the college.