Four St. Cloud firms were apparent low bidders when bids were opened Thursday (March 8) for St. Cloud State College's food service building.

The firms and their bids were: general construction — Wahl Construction Company, \$296,468; equipment — St. Cloud Restaurant Supply, \$117,081; mechanical (plumbing and heating) — Knapp Plumbing and Heating, \$97,490; and electrical — Granite City Electric Company, \$38,602.

Contracts will be awarded next week, according to Howard Walton, director of physical resources at the college.

Excavating will begin early in April for the new brick and concrete building, which will be erected at the corner of First Avenue South and Sixth Street South, across the street from Mitchell Hall. Completion date is Dec. 31.

The new building will provide meals for commuting students and all women students living in residence halls. The first unit in a new women's dormitory complex is now under construction west of the food service building site.

The new building will feature a modern kitchen on the ground level and a 56-by-100 foot dining room on the second level. The building is being financed by self-liquidating revenue bonds.

The architect is Frank Jackson and Associates of St. Cloud. Serving

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