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Excavation begins Monday (April 2) for a half-million dollar food service building at St. Cloud State College. Scheduled for completion by Dec. 31, the modern brick and concrete structure will be erected at the corner of First Avenue South and Sixth Street South, across the street from Mitchell Hall.

Providing meals for commuting students and all on-campus women students, the building will feature the latest in food preparation and dishwashing equipment on the ground level and a 56-by-100 foot dining room on the second level.

Two other building projects also are in progress on the campus. Going up one block west of the food service building site are a 200-bed women's residence hall and an attached commons building. Costing approximately \$665,000, the two units will be completed by September.

The four-story fireproof brick and reinforced concrete dormitory will feature single-loaded corridors similar to those in Shoemaker Hall, men's residence hall. The commons, housing a general office, lounge and utilities, will serve both that dormitory and another 200-bed unit to be added later.

The dormitory-commons project is the beginning of a proposed eight-dormitory complex covering four blocks bordered by Fourth and Sixth streets and First and Third avenues.

No tax money is involved in the food service building and dormitory-commons project. The buildings are being financed by State College Board bonds to be repaid from revenues earned.

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Footings and foundation work are completed and all structural materials have arrived for the college's new \$717,500 Industry and Arts Building.

Located west of the Science and Mathematics Building, the two-story brick and concrete structure is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. Providing 34,500 square feet of floor space, the building will feature classrooms, laboratories, shops, offices, conference rooms, a 200-seat lecture hall and an art gallery.

St. Cloud firms are doing all the architectural and construction work for the four buildings.