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Five buildings will be constructed during the next two years at St. Cloud State College as a result of two building bills passed by the 1963 Legislature.

The Legislature also allowed merit pay increases for faculty, granted the college authority to award M.A. degrees and raised placement and tuition fees.

Two of the new structures were provided by the 1961 building bill, repassed early in the legislative session. Repassage was considered necessary to satisfy legal requirements of bonding firms even though an amendment removing the state building debt limitation was approved by voters last fall.

Property acquisition has begun for the \$2,235,000 physical education building, to be located in the block bordered by Tenth and Eleventh streets and Third and Fourth avenues. Features will include a large gymnasium seating 5,000 spectators, two smaller gyms and an Olympic-size swimming pool.

Eastman Hall, the present physical education building, was constructed in 1929 for an enrollment of 900. Full-time, resident enrollment at the college was slightly under 4,000 last fall. The figure is expected to surpass 5,000 by 1965 and reach 8,000 by 1970.

A \$141,000 maintenance and service building will be attached to the heating plant and located at the southwest corner of Tenth street and First Avenue South. The building will serve as a warehouse, repair shop, garage and vehicle storage area. A temporary wooden structure is now being used.

The 1963 building bill provides \$1,200,000 for a fine arts building, to be constructed in the block bordered by Sixth and Seventh streets and Second and Third avenues. Under a direct \$3,000,000 appropriation and \$13,000,000 in new bonding authority granted to the State College Board, St. Cloud will be able to construct a 200-bed

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addition to Hill Hall, residence hall for women, before the fall of 1964. More dormitory construction also may be in the picture.

With its share of \$1,000,000 appropriated to the state colleges for land acquisition, St. Cloud plans to purchase additional property for future buildings.

Salary ceilings for faculty members were raised and, for the first time, pay increases allowed entirely on a merit basis. Under the system, a deserving faculty member could receive a 5 per cent salary increase for 1963-64 and another 5 per cent boost for 1964-65, provided the adjusted figure is not beyond the salary ceiling for his rank. Merit will be determined by the president in consultation with deans and the State College Board.

St. Cloud and the other state colleges were granted authority to award master of arts degrees. Previously, the only graduate degree which could be awarded was a master of science in education.

Another provision requires any student or graduate who registers with the college placement service to pay a \$6 fee. Previously, students were not charged a fee.

To help meet increasing costs in the state colleges, the Legislature imposed a tuition increase on students. The resident student's fee per quarter was raised from \$3.50 to \$4.25 per credit hour. The resident summer fee was increased from \$4.50 to \$5.50. The non-resident student will pay \$6.50, compared with \$5.50.

For resident graduate students, the fee was raised from \$5 to \$6. Non-resident graduate students will pay \$8.50 instead of \$7.50. Students will be charged \$8 per credit hour for off-campus courses, a 50-cent increase.