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ST. CLOUD, Minn., July — Construction will begin late this month on a nine-story residence hall at St. Cloud State College, the first high-rise building on the rapidly-developing campus.

The 400-bed dormitory will be erected at the northwest corner of a new residence hall complex which eventually will house 1,600 students. One 200-bed unit was completed last year and another will be occupied this fall.

Three St. Cloud firms are apparent low bidders for constructing the 100-foot high building, which will be the college's tallest structure. They are: Wahl Construction Company, general construction, \$906,625; Granite City Electric Company, electrical installation, \$84,431, and Sporleders, plumbing and heating, \$204,055. Bids were opened Thursday (July 16) and contracts probably will be awarded at a State College Board meeting July 25 in Winona. The dormitory is to be completed by September of 1965.

The first floor will serve as a commons, containing offices, lounge and recreation room, according to Howard Walton, director of physical resources. Each of the eight upper stories will contain 26 double bedrooms and a study room built along single-loaded corridors. On each floor will be central bathroom, laundry and supply facilities.

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The building will have its own standpipe fire fighting system, two high-speed elevators and two stairways serving all floors and a telephone in each room linked to the campus switchboard.

Walton said the college decided to build a high-rise dormitory for economy of space and maximum use of land. The site is a former residential area which has been acquired by the state. When the complex is completed, facilities for tennis, badminton and softball will be provided between the buildings. Contracts recently were awarded for two high-rise dormitories at Mankato State College.

Students living in the new residence hall will use dining facilities at Garvey Commons, the college's new food service building which soon will be enlarged to accommodate 2,200 students.

The residence hall is being financed by self-liquidating revenue bonds, not state funds, Walton pointed out.

Architects for the dormitory are Jackson-Hahn Associates, Inc., of St. Cloud and mechanical engineers are Orr-Schelen-Mayeron and Associates, Inc., of Minneapolis.

Also under construction at the college are Halenbeck Hall, new physical education building; Case Hall, 200-bed dormitory, and a maintenance and service building.

The college expects an enrollment of 4,500 this fall and 8,000 by 1970.