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ST. CLOUD, Minn., Aug. -- Construction will begin next month on a \$1.8 million 14-story residence hall at St. Cloud State College designed to house more than 500 students.

The fire-proof brick and concrete structure will be the tallest building in St. Cloud, serving as a focal point for the college's large residence hall complex at the north end of the campus.

A general office, lounge and two directors' apartments will be located on the first floor. Each elevated floor will have three self-contained wings for 14 students projecting from a central core. Seven bedrooms, a living-study room and a bathroom are planned for each wing.

"It will be the same as having three houses on every floor," explained Howard Walton, director of campus planning. "The building will incorporate the best features of Holes and Stearns halls, our nine-story residences, and Benton Hall, our apartment-type residence."

Other features of the high-rise development will be three high-speed elevators, carpeted corridors and living-study rooms, telephones and a walking tunnel connecting the building with other residence halls in the complex and with Garvey Commons, the food service facility.

The building will be located at the intersection of Second Avenue South and Fifth Street, between Garvey Commons and Stearns Hall. Its main entrance will face east. There will be other entrances on the south and north.

Another residence hall project scheduled to begin next month is a \$400,000 100-bed addition north of Benton Hall. It is to be completed by September of 1968. The 200-bed first phase of the building will be ready for occupancy when the fall quarter opens Sept. 20.

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All low bidders for the two projects are St. Cloud firms. Low base bids for the 14-story residence hall were submitted by Wahl Construction Company, general construction, \$1,295,700; Weidner Plumbing and Heating, mechanical installation, \$349,440, and Granite City Electric, electrical installation, \$122,576. Submitting low base bids for the 100-bed addition to Benton Hall were Conlon Construction Company, general construction, \$299,875; Sporleders Plumbing and Heating, mechanical installation, \$69,900, and Erickson Electric Service, electrical installation, \$31,475.

Contracts will be awarded by the State College Board, which is financing the projects through the sale of revenue bonds. The bonded indebtedness will be self-liquidating through student rentals.

On-campus enrollment at the college is expected to exceed 8,000 this fall and to approach 10,000 by 1970. A performing arts building is nearing completion and construction will begin soon on a School of Business building.

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ST. CLOUD, Minn., Aug. -- More than 2,400 freshmen and their parents have been invited to a convocation Sunday, Sept. 17, at St. Cloud State College.

The 2:30 p.m. meeting in Halenbeck Hall will open New Student Days, an orientation period preceding the start of fall quarter classes Sept. 20. In all, the college expects some 8,000 on-campus students, another record enrollment.

At meetings Monday and Tuesday new students will be briefed on academic matters, campus organizations, student services and college policies. Social activities will include a street dance and a concert by the Mitchell Trio.

Carol Stark, Princeton, and Richard Newstrom, Aitkin, are student co-chairmen.

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