Lawrence Hall, the oldest building on the St. Cloud State College campus, will be used for faculty offices in place of student housing next year, according to word received this week by Dr. Robert H. Wick, president, authorizing use of the hall for administrative purposes.

The hall, built in 1905, housed 130 students for over sixty years. Students living there this year will be accommodated in the new Sherburne Hall, a modern 14-story residence hall which will open this fall. Continued use of the building for student housing would call for major updating of plumbing, heating and lighting, plus modern washing facilities.

No major renovation is necessary to convert the present rooms to offices but use of the building will help relieve the acute shortage of adequate office and classroom space at St. Cloud State. Present plans call for using the building only temporarily until the new education building is completed and additional space is available.

The mathematics department will occupy the first floor, thus relieving the crowded conditions in Brown Hall, where 74 faculty members are currently housed in 29 offices and 14 converted classrooms and closets. Art offices and classroom space will be provided in the lower level of the building.

An overflow of additional staff members, crowded into Stewart Hall, will be moved to the second floor. Student teaching, elementary education, sociology, philosophy, psychology and a few other faculty members may move into the building for the coming year.

Furniture is presently being removed to other residence halls or to storage and some faculty members will be moved into the building for the second summer session.