

# NEWS

## ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE

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ST. CLOUD, Minn., Aug.--Construction is scheduled to begin in October on a new administration building at St. Cloud State College. Apparent low bids announced Friday (Sept. 7) total \$1,941,830.

The bids are being reviewed by the state's Commissioner of Administration and the building's architects, Traynor, Hermanson and Hahn Architects, Inc. of St. Cloud. Contracts will officially be awarded at a later date.

MJM Construction Co. of St. Paul is the apparent low bidder for general construction with a bid of \$1,249,460.

Other apparent low bidders are: plumbing and heating contractor--Holm Brothers Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Atwater, \$297,500; ventilating and air tempering contractor--Weidner's Plumbing and Heating Co. of St. Cloud, \$179,325; and electrical contractor--Granite City Electric Co. of St. Cloud, \$215,545.

The two-story 52,000-square-foot building will serve as "the front door to the campus," according to the architects. It will straddle 3rd Avenue South at the intersection of 7th Street South on area purchased by the state.

Administrative Vice-President William Radovich said the building is scheduled for completion in January of 1975. It is being financed by an appropriation from the 1973 Minnesota Legislature.

Offices for the areas of Administrative Affairs, Academic Affairs, Institutional Relations and Development and part of Student Life and Development will be housed in the new building, Radovich said. These offices now are in four buildings on campus.

According to the architects, the administration building will incorporate the concrete exposure design apparent on other campus buildings.

It will have the added feature of reflective glass to conserve energy. With this glass, the air-conditioned building will be able to reduce its energy load by about 40 per cent, the architects said.

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