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Work Progresses on New Dormitory

The sound of trucks unloading their cargo of concrete has given way to the sound of trowels scraping on bricks during the past month as progress continues on construction of the new 248-man dormitory at St. Ambrose.

Throughout the spring students and faculty watched as forms were built for each floor of the new building and the edifice began to rise to its full height. Yet when school closed there was nothing but a framework of steel-reinforced concrete which outlined each of the four floors and the roof of the building, each supported by a series of columns, all of poured concrete.

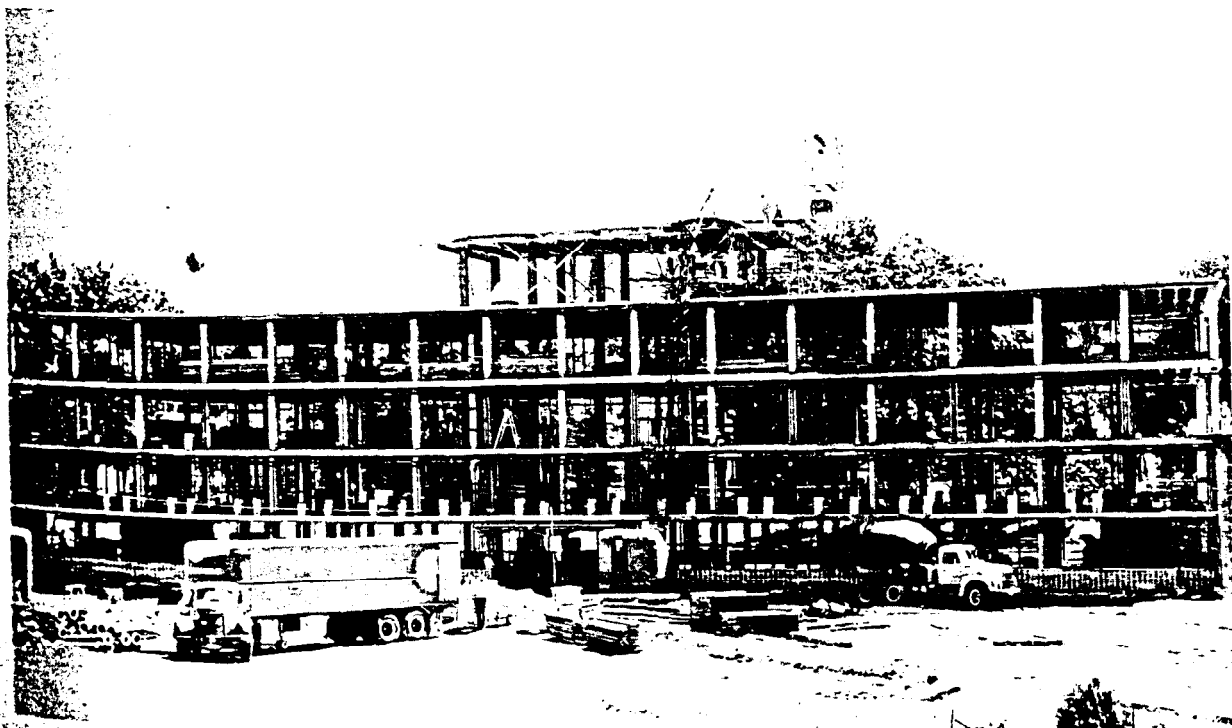
Within the last several weeks bricklayers have begun to ply their trade and sidewalk superintendents are beginning to get an idea of what the finished building will look like.

The greatest mass of brickwork in the entire building is on each end where the corner of the building is a solid column of brick reaching the entire four floors. Between these columns on each side of the building stretches a wall of brick about 30 inches high which is the only solid wall area on the outer perimeter of the building. The remaining several feet of each exterior wall will be glass, contin-

uous windows girding each floor.

More parts will be added to this complex puzzle which eventually will form a complete residence within the next few weeks. Window and door frames have been delivered and are awaiting placement. Preliminary reinforcement is being put in place in preparation for the building of partitions between the rooms. Basic plumbing and electrical wiring is nearing completion. Built-in furniture is on order and is being built to specification at the Wisconsin factory.

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DORMITORY REACHES FULL HEIGHT—Visitors on the campus now can see the full size of the new dormitory now under construction at the college. Four floors in height, the building will house 248 students and four priest-faculty members. The new residence is due to open this fall.

Dormitory . . .

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Because of time lost through bad weather during the winter, there is a possibility that the whole dormitory will not be ready for occupancy in September, although there are assurances that at least part of the building will be habitable by the opening of the fall semester.

Meanwhile preparations are being made for temporary housing for the first two or three weeks of school in the event that the building is not completed. The veterans barracks which now are on the campus, but which are slated for demolition this fall, will be left standing to handle any emergency housing that becomes necessary. When the dormitory is completed and fully occupied the barracks will be razed.

To give college officials and visitors a better idea of how the new building's rooms will look, a model room, built to scale, has been built and furnished in the faculty lounge of the college administration building. All furnishings and decorations in the model room are exactly as they will be in the new dormitory, although there will be several different color combinations. Anyone visiting the campus during the remainder of the summer is cordially invited to inspect the model room.



Reveal Dormitory Room Design

Storage Wall, Fixed Furniture, Are Highlights

Interior room designs for the new East Hall dormitory on the St. Ambrose campus were revealed recently as the special gifts campaign for dormitory furnishings opened in the Quad-Cities.

Architect William Bernbrock has designed the rooms with built-in furniture so that they have the appearance of a study rather than a bedroom.

Beds will be of the studio couch variety with removable

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Senior Class Again Reaches 100% In Fund Campaign, Increases Gifts

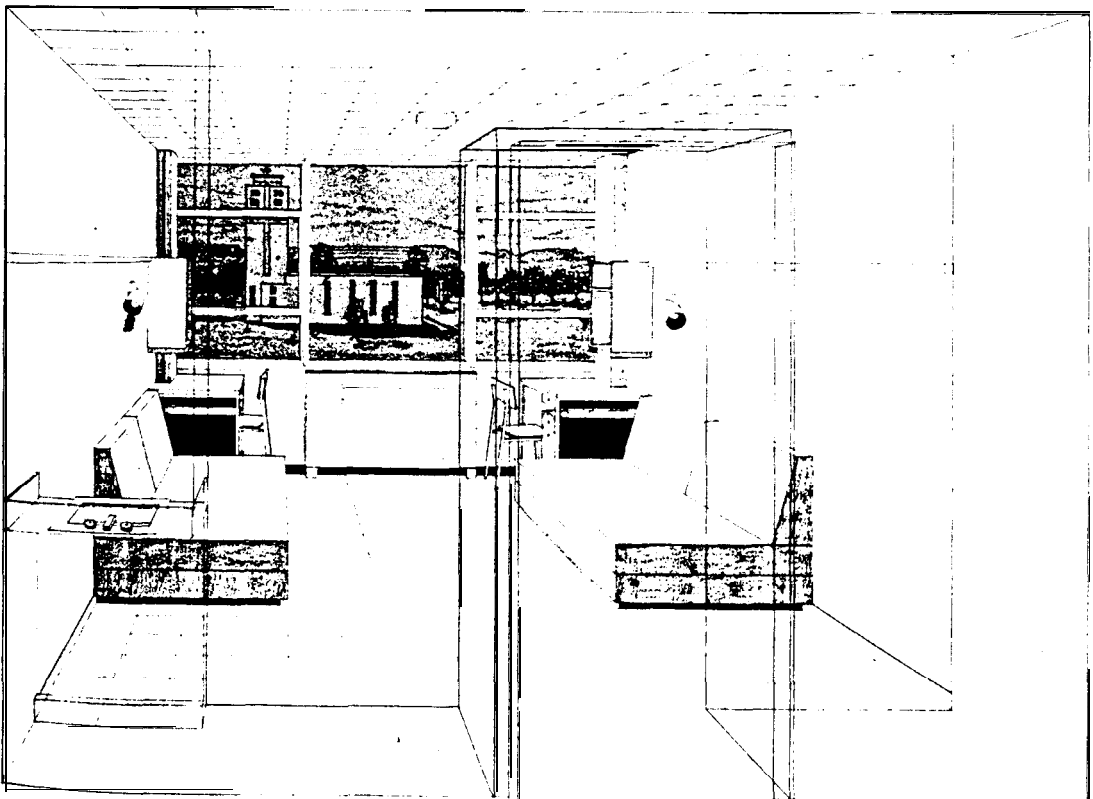
St. Ambrose seniors again this year reached 100% participation in the Senior Class Living Endowment Fund campaign which closed April 22.

The class of 1958 was the first class to reach the 100% mark and the class of 1959 was determined to equal that record — and they did.

In addition, this year's class

raised the average gift from \$1.04 last year to \$1.25.

Joseph S. Brick, Des Moines, president of the senior class, was general chairman of the campaign. He was assisted by vice-chairman Joseph Garvey, Des Moines; Robert Morrissey, Chicago; Jerry Brookhart, Davenport; Gary Van Ausdail, Keokuk; Thomas Tucker, Moline, and Dorothy Conklin, Harper, Iowa.



REVEAL DORM ROOM DESIGN—Shown above is the architect's sketch of the interior of a typical room in the new East Hall dormitory now under construction on the campus. All furniture is built-in to give the room the

First Floor Nears Completion

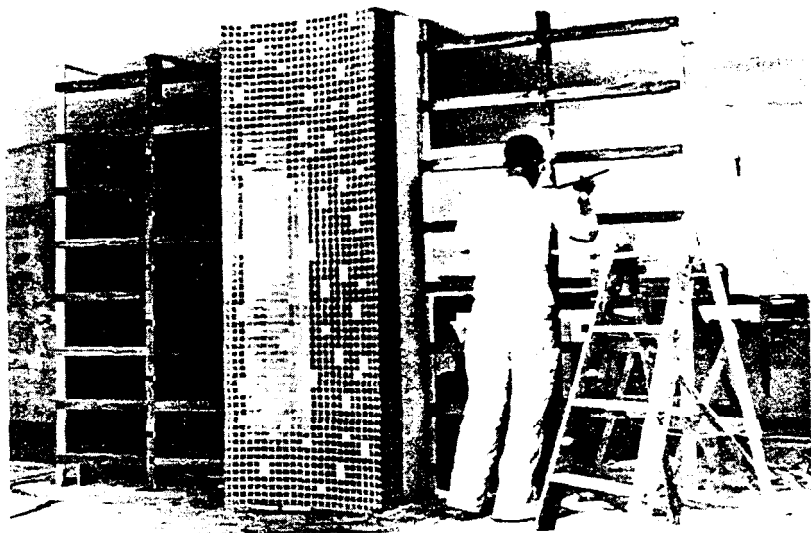
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Occupancy of the first floor of the new St. Ambrose dormitory is expected shortly after Nov. 1, according to the latest word from the contractors.

As Acorns and Oaks went to press the first floor rooms required only the installation of floor and ceiling tile and the final placement of furniture to be completed.

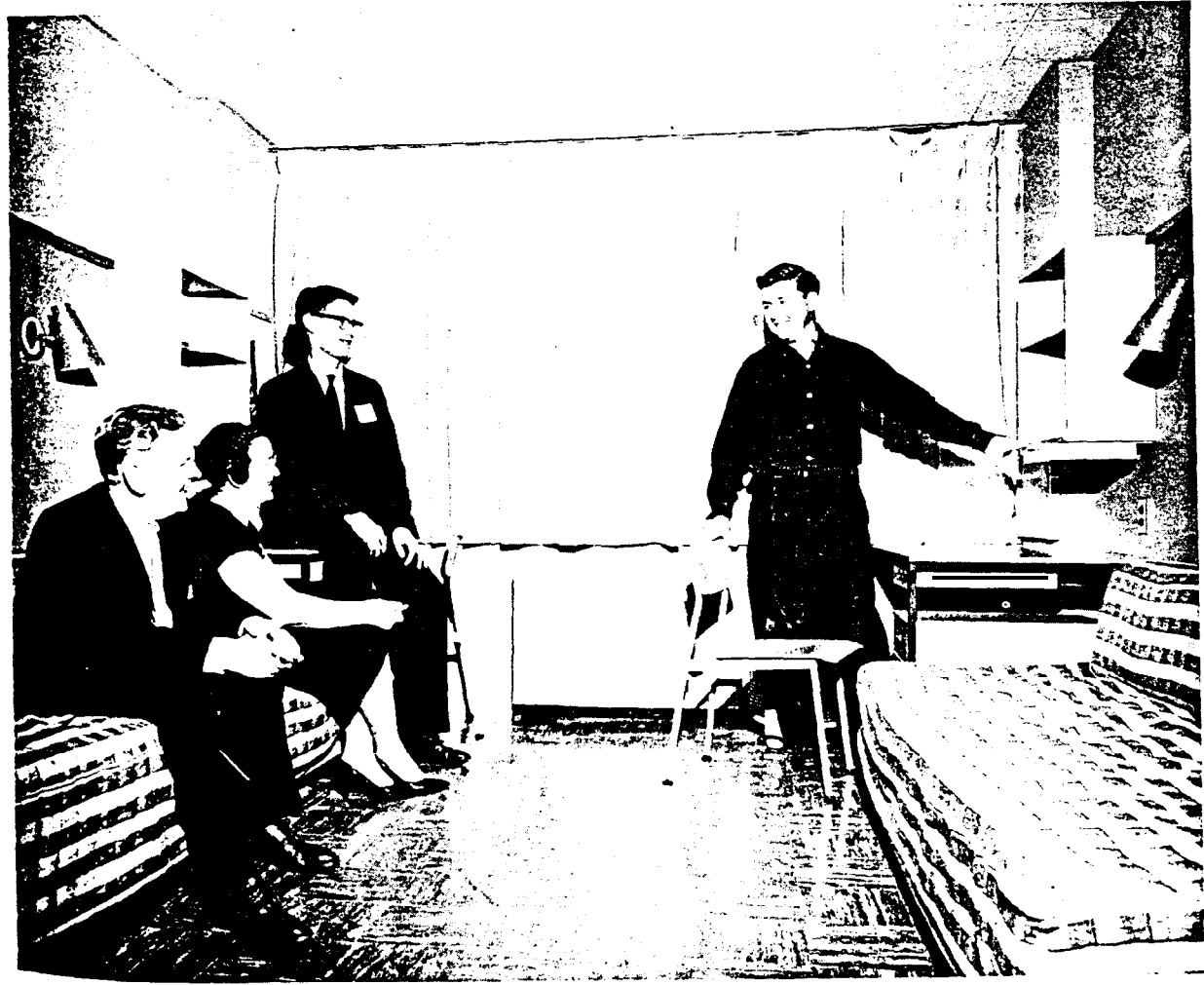
plastering now is completed on the second floor and is nearing completion on the third and fourth floors. Ceramic tile work also is near completion on the second floor and painters are expected in that area within the next several days.

Last of the air conditioning equipment was delivered in late



LOBBY NEARS COMPLETION — A workman varnishes wooden room divider used in the lobby of the new dormitory. Center post is of ceramic tile in bright colors.

October and final installation of heating and air conditioning units was in progress. and the elevator is installed. It is hoped that the building will be completely finished and occupied by early January. Stairways now are completed



PARENTS INSPECT MODEL ROOM — Roger K. Fisher, Oak Park, Ill., senior, right, shows model room to Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy and their son, Bob, of Clinton, during freshman welcoming day. The model room, an exact duplicate of a room in the new building, is located in the college administration building.