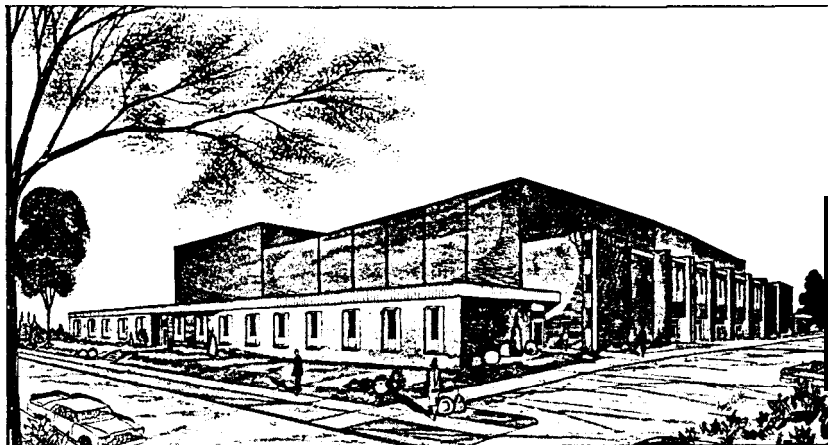


# PLANS FOR ***FINE*** ARTS COMPLEX ANNOUNCED



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Forty-five per cent of the St. Ambrose College classrooms will be located in the Fine Arts Complex and Communication Center when completed. This major addition to the campus, scheduled for groundbreaking this fall, will house classes in the Departments of Engineering, Art, Music, Music Education, Speech and Drama.

A 1,200 seat auditorium is a feature of the building. Equipped with upholstered seats and dropleaf tablet arms, the 600-seat convocation area can be doubted in size for large campus or community programs by removing soundproof walls separating four lecture halls on two levels in the rear of the room. Excellent sight lines will be possible in all areas of the acoustically designed auditorium.

Estimated cost of the new building, the third major construction project in the current expansion program, is \$1.6-million. St. Ambrose received a \$462,000 grant under Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 and a loan of \$770,000 has been approved under Title III of the act.

Five of the college-owned houses on Gaines St. and the temporary building presently housing the Music Department will be removed for the new construction. Additional parking areas will be constructed in the area between Davis Hall and the new center for the assigned parking interrupted by the construction of a \$2.1-million dormitory with food service and student union facilities on the Scott St. side of the campus.

Both AM and FM radio stations on the campus, as

well as video control areas, will be located in the new building. Antennae will be located atop a 66-foot high elevation where stage riggings are suspended. Sufficient room will be available on the stage for combined performances of the college choruses and orchestra. Play production areas are planned for college drama groups.

Facilities for the art department will include studios, production and design, print making rooms, sculpturing and ceramics, typography laboratory, photography dark-rooms, art storage areas, film libraries, classrooms and seminar areas.

Engineering offices, classrooms and drafting rooms are incorporated in the new complex. Speech offices and practice areas surround the separate facilities of the AM and FM radio stations which are used for closed circuit broadcasts to St. Ambrose and Marycrest campuses and to the Quad-City community.

Students in Music and Music Education will study in modern classrooms, practice rooms, studios and recital halls. The four lecture halls, seating from 154 to 201 in each, will be used by all students of the co-educational college.

With the completion of the new building the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics will be occupying most of Lewis Memorial Science Hall. Additional areas will be made available in Ambrose Hall for the Humanities and Business Administration Departments and the Philosophy Department will be centered in Hayes Hall, the first building completed in the expansion program.