

800-Seat Auditorium Construction Gets Underway

PROJECT ESTIMATED AT \$60,000

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To increase the seating capacity of the auditorium from 350 to 800 is the aim of the \$60,000 remodeling project now in progress, President Howard Jones has announced.

Local industrial firms and friends of the college have already donated \$33,000 of the estimated costs.

Plans for moving the north wall of the present auditorium to within seven feet of the business school are being carried out at present. A temporary wall has been built so that students may continue the use of the old auditorium as a study room while the stage is being built in this extended section.

Dressing Rooms in Wings

Dr. Jones has stated that the new stage will be large enough for use as a class room when necessary. It will measure 32x27 feet. Modernistic dressing rooms will be constructed in the wings. This will facilitate presentation of plays, operas, concerts, and other school functions.

The increased seating capacity will be gained by enlarging the size of the main floor to 53x74 feet and by adding a balcony 53x15 feet, according to Architects Arsene Rousseu and Paul Boucherle. This will seat 700 on the main floor and 150 in the balcony.

Boucherle, designer of the main college building, said the addition will be constructed of Indiana limestone to match the present structure.

Group Assemblies in Fall

Dr. Jones has stated that student interest in college activities should be stimulated by assemblies and large group meetings which will be resumed next fall when the project is completed.