

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING / WILL BE ERECTED SOON

Announcement was made last Thursday that an extensive drive for funds is under way among the alumni of the college, the immediate objective of which is the erection of a new building in the near future. The recent bequest of Miss Marian A. Horan, involving cash and real estate amounting to over \$100,000, has given definite direction and impetus to the long cherished plan of the alumni to erect a new building.

According to Mr. John Carroll, '12, president of the Alumni Association, the proposed building will be in two sections; the first being a science section consisting of the Horan Physics and Chemistry laboratories, and the other of a recreation center and auditorium dedicated to the memory of Rev. Francis X. Sindele, S. J., for thirty-six years a professor at the College.

The recreation center will include lounging rooms, offices for the student publications, the *Griffin*, the *Quarterly* and the *Azucour*, and also rooms for the Glee Club, Student Council, Athletic Association, Dramatic Society, Sodality, Alumni Association, and other organizations.

The auditorium, with a seating capacity of fourteen hundred, will be two stories high and will be used for the assemblies, debates, school plays, and lectures.

The site of the proposed structure will be on Hughes Avenue, south-east of the present college building.

"The expansion program is made necessary," said Rev. James P. Sweeney, S. J., President of the College, "by the greatly increased registration of the last few years. The present building, originally designed to ac-

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commodate five hundred and fifty students, is now used by seven hundred in the regular courses, and five hundred in the extension and graduate courses.

"Next September for the first time in its history the college will be forced to turn away qualified students because of lack of room."

The new building will increase the capacity of the college by five hundred students inasmuch as the removal of the present laboratories will provide classroom space in the present building.

The erection of the new auditorium will permit the present auditorium to be converted into stackrooms that will enable the library to double the size of its reading room and to provide space for one hundred and twenty thousand volumes.

Mr. Carroll in an interview today outlined the plans for the alumni campaign and said: "This is what the Canisius alumni have been waiting for: a definite project around which

to crystallize their willingness to work for a college with increased capacity to serve this community."

Outlining the plan of campaign, he said that of the eighteen hundred living alumni of the college, sixteen hundred live in Buffalo and western New York. The Alumni have been divided into professional groups under group-chairmen. Already, before the drive has begun, a number of unsolicited contributions have been received by Joseph A. Wechter, of the class of 1900, treasurer of the campaign. The committee in charge of the Sindele Memorial Drive includes Rev. H. P. Laudenbach, general chairman; Dr. Francis E. Fronczak, Thomas C. Burke, Dr. Louis C. Marzella, Rev. William Martin, Francis J. Killeen, Charles N. Rider, Dr. Charles F. Hornung, George J. Lenahan, Dr. John C. Brady, Frank A. Pfalzer, John A. Caracallen.

Asked to comment on the plans of the Alumni, Father Sweeney remarked: "It has been my policy not to expand the college until I had definite assurance that we would not be forced to go further into debt to finance the program. But I have every confidence that the plan proposed by Mr. Carroll and his associates will solve our problems."

For the Alumni of the college the rallying point of the drive is their devotion to the memory of Father Sindele. Mr. Wechter, expressing the reaction of the typical alumnus, said: "To us, at least, Father Sindele was the incarnation of everything Canisius stands for. Because of him we owe the college whatever of our time and money we can give. A campaign to erect a memorial to this beloved priest, educator, and fellow alumnus cannot fail."

Father Sindele was the greatest benefactor the college ever had. Serving as professor for thirty-five years without any remuneration, he also contributed in money over thirty-five thousand dollars which he earned as a chaplain and as a lecturer.

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