GIFT SPURS NEW
MEN'S DORMITORY
ON 'K' CAMPUS

KALAMAZOO----A recent gift of $361,250 from an anonymous donor will enable Kalamazoo College to begin construction of a new men's dormitory this fall, reports Dr. Weimer K. Hicks, president. The three-story structure will be erected on the east side of Carmel Street, across from the Stowe Tennis Stadium.

"The new dormitory will be named 'Severn Hall' at the request of the longtime friend of the College whose generosity made the new building possible," Dr. Hicks said. Dr. Herman H. Severn, a highly regarded faculty member, retired from Kalamazoo in 1936 after 17 years of service. He taught Greek, Latin, German, and Biblical Literature and served as Dean of the College from 1923 until his retirement.

Edward Coe Embury of New York is the architect of the new building. His father, Aymar Embury, designed Mandelle Library (1930) and Hoben Hall, men's residence (1936), on the campus.

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Floor plans for the new men's residence reveal a departure from conventional dormitory design. Approximately 118 students will live in six-man suites. These basic living units will contain two double rooms, two single rooms, living room and bathroom.

"This arrangement uses space more efficiently, promotes privacy without isolation, and eliminates conditions which tend to produce noise," Dr. Hicks explained. Many built-in beds and desks will be installed to use space more efficiently, and conventional hallway and stairwell areas will be altered to reduce noise.

Other features of the building include a two-room suite on the first floor which will contain a kitchenette. Plans call for its use by either two student proctors or a single faculty member. Recreation, laundry and storage rooms will be located in the basement.

Bids to contractors will be let in October. Construction will follow immediately. Occupancy is expected when the Fall term begins in 1965.

The gift of $361,250 is the largest received to date in the campaign to raise $2,500,000 during 1964-65. Nearly $800,000 has been given or pledged in this special effort to raise funds to meet the Challenge offer of the Ford Foundation. The Foundation matches 40 per cent of all gifts to the College during the period running from Sept. 30, 1963 to Sept. 30, 1966.