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KALAMAZOO COLLEGE TO BUILD NEW ATHLETIC FACILITY.

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HISTORIC TREDWAY GYM TO BE RAZED.

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Kalamazoo College will build a new, multi-purpose athletic facility, and historic Tredway Gymnasium will be demolished. In its winter meeting today, the Kalamazoo College Board of Trustees voted to authorize the immediate placing of bids for the new building, which will be located on the site of the present Tredway Gym on Academy Street. Estimated project cost is \$3.5 million.

The as-yet-unnamed new facility is expected to be in operation by the start of the 1981 academic year. Demolition of the 69-year-old Tredway Gymnasium will begin this April, according to Robert Kittredge, of Kalamazoo, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee of the College's Board of Trustees.

Architects for the new building are Robert Prince and Associates, Inc., of Kalamazoo.

Containing 35,358 square feet of new construction, the new facility will contain three playing surfaces, convertible for use in basketball, volleyball, wrestling and other sports. Additionally, the facility is scaled for major indoor intercollegiate athletic competition, with a seating capacity for more than 1500 spectators. The facility also will include classrooms, offices, and rooms for dance, research, and weight training, as well as locker and equipment rooms to support the physical education programs. The current Tennis House, adjacent to the gym, will be remodeled and will contain 15,625 square feet after its renovation. The total project will incorporate 50,983 square feet.

"With the improvements being made to Calder Fieldhouse and Angell Field and with the recent addition of two tennis courts at Stowe Stadium, the

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physical education plant will be one of the best small college facilities in the nation. The new gym will permit the College to provide a more extensive program of instruction and it will afford the students more opportunities and better facilities to participate in activities at all levels of competition and recreation," commented Rolla Anderson, Kalamazoo College athletic director.

The new physical education complex is a key element of the College's \$16.4 million FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE capital campaign. Now in its nationwide phase, the campaign already has achieved more than \$9.5 million of its goal, which will provide funds for the College's endowment and for expendable support for students, faculty and the physical plant.

Renovated in 1930, through a bequest by Arthur C. Tredway, Tredway Gym was the scene of many historic confrontations between K's Hornets and a host of opponents, including such latter-day behemoths as Michigan State University, Notre Dame and the University of Detroit.

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