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SALVE REGINA COLLEGE TO BREAK GROUND
FOR SCIENCE, MATH AND ACADEMIC BUILDING

MONDAY
Sept. 19, 1966
AFTER 12 Noon

Ground will be broken for Salve Regina College's new Science, Math and Academic Building at 3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, September 20, it was announced today by Sister Mary Emily, R. S. M., president.

The building, designed by the architectural firm of Kurtz and Denning, of Providence, will be located on the corner of Ochre Point and Shepard Avenues, south of McAuley Hall on the former Twombly-Burden estate.

"It will be a bright yet dignified addition to the world-famous Cliff Walk area of Newport", Sister Mary Emily said. "The two story structure is designed to reflect the character of its neighbors and to blend into the existing landscaping."

J. L. Marshall & Sons, Inc., of Pawtucket, has been awarded the general contract for the building. The total cost of the building will be \$2,000,000. Funds will come from a combination of sources -- Federal grants, a Federal loan, and the College's own resources.

Sub-contractors for the building will be: Industrial Heating and Plumbing Corporation, plumbing; Electrical Sales and Services of Rhode Island, electrical; and D. Dixon Donovan, heating and ventilating.

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As one approaches the campus along Ochre Point Avenue from the "Breakers", he will see the brownstone facade with limestone vertical trim curving from adjacent McAuley Hall, the brownstone residence housing the College's Library and faculty offices. From this facade the building reaches east and south in a modified reverse "L" plan with one leg forming the science wing and the other leg forming the math and academic wing. The junction of the wings will house the principal services facilities, stepped lecture rooms and a lounge. These portions of the building will be enclosed with brick panels, aluminum framed windows and limestone trim.

The main entrance will be approached from the drive of McAuley Hall whose circular garden will stand as a majestic sentinel above a paved and landscaped court protected by the overhanging second floor.

"The departments of science, mathematics, foreign languages and the humanities will be efficiently housed in this new building where the latest thinking in all aspects of higher education design including equipment, materials, colors, acoustics, illumination, heating and ventilation will be utilized", Sister Mary Emily stated. She added that "the assets of this new facility will be two-fold: an outstanding solution to the expanding requirements of our growing college, and an aesthetic contribution to a dignified and conservative locale."

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The new building will more than double the present instructional and library space available at the College. It is scheduled for completion in November, 1967.

The ground-breaking, beginning at 3:00 o'clock on Tuesday, will be an informal ceremony attended primarily by students and faculty as well as representatives of The Diocese, City of Newport, and the College's various organizations such as the Guild, Alumnae Association, Fathers Council, and the like.

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