Auditorium Plans Completed
Work To Begin May Ist

The above picture is an artist's conception of the auditorium to be erected on West Campus.

With the ground-breaking ceremony for the new auditorium held the first of May, plans for the interior for the new auditorium are being completed, and contractors are now studying blueprints proper to make their bids.

The auditorium has been made possible through a grant from the Kriegs Foundation of one and one-half million dollars. The grant, made in July of 1950, was donated specifically for the extension of the Pembroke College area and chapel. Plans for the chapel are still in the discussion stage, and it will be built later.

Unusual Design Featured

The auditorium was designed by Samuel K. Anderson and Beckwith of the Institute's Department of Architecture. It will be in the shape of a spherical triangle whose surfaces, parallel to one plus another, are of a sphere. The spherical wall will serve as roof and part of the walls of the building. It will rest on three corners, which are raised from the ground slightly on heavy supports. Between the corners will be segmental arches, which will serve as the main support for the main auditorium, resting on 180 persons. Architectural requirements will be met with special "floating clouds" - white baffles suspended from the ceiling. There will be a small theater seating 200 persons.

New Presentations Pending

The new building fills a long-felt need both in size and capacity. It provides a convenient meeting place in an entire class-crop can be located, for example, in groups of important lectures, dramatic productions, and concerts by the music clubs will also take ads of the auditorium or the small theater. The Arthur Arthur B. Little Lecture Hall, which will probably be given here instead of in the Huntington Hall if it can.

In addition to providing a better setting for present Institute functions, the auditorium will also make possible many presentations now impossible. For example, the visiting by professors such as Dr. Karl W. Deutsch, Professor of Psychology at the Institute, will be possible. For example, holding Chamber Music Concerts with orchestra brought in from the outside the Institute.

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In building the auditorium, the Institute is trying to develop new and less costly production methods.

Revision Of Guided Tours Is Planned For Institute

If you want your friends or relatives to visit the Institute and have them without finding the place likeable, then you had better keep them away from the great interior in Building 1. Why? Because the auditorium will provide the Institute with salted sidewalks and a new home for the Institute.

The routes would be divided according to the three general categories. For students in need of financial assistance.

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