Catonsville College Contract Is Let

LAWRENCE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY has been awarded a contract for $616,927 by the Board of Trustees of Baltimore County Community Colleges for the first two phases of a $5,963,000 master construction plan for Catonsville Community College.

It calls for the conversion of an old stone barn and the construction of the first section of a new science building.

Funds for a third phase, the remainder of the science building, are expected to become available from the bond issue approved in November.

When remodeled, the barn will house a student lounge, snack shop, college book store, and an area for plays and lectures.

The boiler plant and electric sub-station for the college will also be in this area.

The science building, on its completion some time in 1966, will include classrooms, faculty offices, planetarium, and a 300-seat teaching auditorium which can be divided into smaller lecture rooms.

A three-point design concept dominates the long-range construction program now in its initial stages at the college, according to the architects.

103-Acre Site

The college is on the 103-acre former Knapp estate on Rolling Road, President Oliver H. Laine and his board of trustees plan to retain a number of the fine old buildings, supplementing them with new construction, in line with architectural thinking.

Fieldstone from a former retaining wall and from a number of buildings, which were demolished, has been preserved to face portions of the new buildings.

Long-range plans call for the construction of a number of additional classroom buildings in a "court-arrangement" on a knoll somewhat above the remainder of the campus.

This grouping, according to the architects, will afford the instructional areas a degree of natural isolation from campus traffic and the administrative functions of the college.