

Begin Statue Of Columbus

Renzo Baldi Modeling Bronze Likeness

Dwight James Baum, formerly of Syracuse and architect of the Fifty-Year Plan of the Syracuse University campus, will go ahead with the design for a base for a Columbus statue in St. Marys Circle as soon as he receives necessary information and samples of materials, according to a letter received from him by Anthony J. Valentine, chairman of the monument committee here.

Renzo Baldi of Firenze, Italy, is working on a model for the statue, Mr. Valentine said today. He is described as a sculptor of extending repute in his homeland. He is working from photographs and maps of the Syracuse site, which he has never seen.

It is proposed to have a likeness of the discoverer in bronze crowning the monument. Mr. Baum prescribed that stone samples be hammered finish, not polished, and of nature and texture to withstand the climate here.

The architect requested that photographs of some of Signor Baldi's finished works be forwarded. Mr. Baum has undertaken by arrangement with Mayor Marvin to design the base for the work.