



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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### NEWSLETTER #2

Since November 17, the date of the last Newsletter, members of the Board of Junior College District 301 have contributed generously of their time interviewing consulting firms, architectural firms and screening appropriate sites for the future campus of District 301. As a result of these long hours of diligent work, the following major decisions have been made:

Arthur D. Little, Inc., a nationally known consulting firm from Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been employed by the Board to develop the educational specifications for the future facilities of the college, as well as a ten-year development program. As a result of extensive local research, Arthur D. Little, Inc. will be able to lend guidance as to the appropriate educational program for the junior college in terms of academic, vocational-technical, adult education and community services. Other major elements of Little's services include a survey of the present and future area economy in terms of industrial characteristics, labor needs and significant employment opportunities for which some level of training and instruction beyond the secondary school is desirable.

Immediately following the selection of an educational consulting firm, the Board employed one of the most experienced and knowledgeable architectural firms for the master planning and designing of future campus facilities. The firm of Caudill, Rowlett & Scott, of Houston, Texas was selected as the prime architect, in association with Fridstein & Fitch, of Chicago. The combination of a nationally reputable architectural firm in association with the excellent local firm of Fridstein & Fitch should guarantee sensitivity to Chicago area conditions, as well as national building trends.

For a period of six months, the Board has focused its attention on the selection of an appropriate site for District 301. To date, at least fifteen sites have been investigated as possibilities for a future campus. As a result of this intensive search and counsel with the campus planners, the Board is close to a final selection. It is expected that within the next two or three weeks this announcement may be made. During this screening process, two of the most desirable sites have been excluded because of their non-availability. These two were the Pure Oil facility and adjacent land and the most desirable forest preserve site at the southeast intersection of Highway #53 and Golf Road.

After much research and discussion, the Board adopted the Philosophy and Objectives for the future college. In brief, the Philosophy and Objectives give direction to the type, quality and purpose of this community college. Copies of this material may be obtained by calling the Administration Offices.

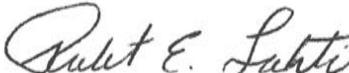
Upon recommendation of President Lahti, the Board employed James Donald Perry, an experienced school administrator and present Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa, as the Director of Business Affairs. Mr. Perry has had broad educational experience in secondary and higher education and will bring excellent first-hand knowledge to the college in the area of financial accounting, data processing and budgeting. Mr. Perry will report for duty February 7, 1966.

The application for Class I status for Junior College District 301 has been received and acknowledged by the State Junior College Board, which has recommended to the Higher Board of Education that Junior College District 301 be granted Class I status. Final action on this application is expected during the first week in February. Granting of Class I status to District 301 by the Higher Board of Education is significant in that the State may match as much as 75 per cent of construction costs for the future site and campus of District 301's college.

Since reporting for duty on October 15, your President has given or accepted numerous speaking engagements before public groups in proximity to the district. To date, your President has had informal discussions with the Northwest Community Hospital staff, Northwest Suburban Industrial Council, the Northwest Suburban Counsellors Association, the Arlington Heights High School staff, the Palatine Rotary Club, Maine Township High School West student body, and the Area Superintendents Association.

The Board and Administration are pleased with the interest which has been shown by community citizens. Our mailing list is growing daily as a result of citizen requests.

The administrative staff of the college and members of the Board welcome the opportunity to speak to various interest groups within the district on the present and future plans of Junior College District 301. Interested groups may request representatives of the college to speak to them by calling the college administration office.

  
Robert E. Lahti  
President