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An ARCHITECTURAL PERSONALITY is being shaped for Harper College's new campus which should make it one of the most attractive and practical community college campuses in the nation.

Striving for "Intimate Architecture," the planners are designing the interiors and exteriors of buildings to complement the character of the campus open areas. Varying levels, wide vistas, and court yards are being provided where possible to avoid the concrete "traffic avenues" common with college campuses. The architects plan to convert the one bad feature of the land - a low, non-draining boggy area - into a handsome pond, complete with an island park.

Buildings will be low and wide, with exterior materials of textured brick in subdued colors. Interior designs, furnishings and color schemes will be as "non institutional" as possible. The basic campus, with its five buildings, will occupy about twenty-three acres. Construction drawings for these buildings are now being prepared by the architects - Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott of Houston, Texas, in association with Fridstein and Fitch of Chicago.

Ground will be broken in late spring, 1967. If enough construction is completed by the fall of 1968, fall semester classes would be held on the new campus. The buildings will be financed mostly with anticipated state appropriations totaling about \$8,000,000.

HARPER'S STAFF IS IN DEMAND.

Dr. Robert Lahti recently spent several days in New York as an accreditation examiner chosen by the Middle States Association to evaluate the junior college within the City University of New York system.

The Middle States Association is the accrediting agency for New York and other eastern states. The North Central Association performs the same function for schools and colleges in Illinois plus eighteen other states. Passing these evaluation investigations is essential to gaining full collegiate accreditation.

Harper College's first visit from a rep-

resentative of North Central Association is coming up in December. Dr. Charles R. Hicks, Head of the Department of Education, Purdue University, has been appointed by the Association as a consultant to Harper College in its accrediting process. He will be here for two days to appraise progress to date, to advise and assist as necessary, and to prepare a report for NCA.

DR. HERB PANKRATZ, Dean of Instruction, recently participated in a master class in choral conducting under the direction of the noted conductor, Robert Shaw. Following this, Dr. Pankratz himself conducted a Choral

Materials Reading Session at the University of Illinois Choral Clinic.

NURSING PROGRAM SPARKS INTEREST.

When Harper College opens next fall, it will offer a two-year program of study designed to prepare women for careers as professional nurses. Heading this new program is Miss Joanne Heinly, Director of Nursing, and the most recent addition to the college staff.

According to Miss Heinly, Harper College will offer an Associate Degree Nursing program which will equip women to be nursing practitioners or bedside nurses. The program, open to women of high school age and older, will be balanced between general education courses, nursing courses and electives. It will include classroom and laboratory studies plus experience in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and so on. Northwest Community Hospital, for example, has indicated it will cooperate.

Miss Heinly said that Harper graduates may either begin their nursing career immediately or transfer their credits to senior institutions to study for a Baccalaureate degree.

Miss Heinly has served as a staff nurse in New York and Chicago hospitals, on the teaching staffs of Columbia University and the University of Illinois and, most recently, as Director of Student Health at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

'DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES' is the title of a comprehensive report recently completed by Arthur D. Little, Inc., to assist the college in its long-range research and planning. Included is a detailed analysis, with future development projections, of the

college district's population and economy. The report is being condensed and copies of this summary will be available in mid-December.

The findings revealed in the report make interesting reading. The report calls the Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships "one of the fastest growing regions in Illinois." The population of this area, for example, presently totals about 225,000. By 1980, the population in this District is expected to exceed 500,000!

A USEFUL SLIDE PRESENTATION is now available for groups interested in the present as well as future plans for Harper College. It consists of about 50 color slides plus a script for the narrator. The presentation explains the role of the community college and outlines the part Harper College will play in the educational and cultural growth of the area. For information on the slide presentation, please phone the college administrative offices (358-9100).

HARPER IS MAKING NEWS already, at least as far as junior college administrators-in-training are concerned. A group of 15 recently visited our offices "to see how a new junior college gets started." Although Harper College will not open for classes for several months, a great amount of groundwork has already been laid and it was this groundwork which interested our visitors. They were accompanied by Dr. Ralph Banfield, Director of the Midwest Community College Leadership Program. This program, supported by the Kellogg Foundation, is an agency which develops community college leaders.