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HARPER COLLEGE WINS STATE APPROVAL. Harper has been approved as an area vocational-technical school under provisions of the Vocational Act of 1963. A grant of \$750,000 has been set aside for use in developing approved vocational-technical programs.

The money will be used to provide equipment and instructional materials needed to conduct programs started during the next two years. Included in these programs will be nursing and health services, data processing, mechanical design and drafting, electricity and electronics, management, marketing, and secretarial science. In addition, other programs are being planned for introduction in the near future.

Area vocational-technical schools serve a geographical area greater than just a single community. They are to provide occupationally-related programs at the post-secondary school level to high school graduates, to former drop-outs, and to those already working who need to upgrade themselves or learn new skills. Illinois plans to have every area in the state served by such a school. Junior colleges are being encouraged to accept this role.

Working through advisory committees, Harper College will utilize local area representatives of business, industry, and the professions in developing career programs. Advisory committees in nursing and data processing already are functioning.

HARPER IS ISSUE IN BARRINGTON.

On Saturday, March 4, Barrington High School District will hold a referendum to vote on annexation to Harper Junior College District #512. A citizens committee appointed by the Board of Education of High School District #224 has recommended annexation to the college district. A petition requesting the referendum has been signed by approximately 2,500 Barrington residents and has been accepted by the Illinois Junior College Board, thus paving the way for the March 4 vote.

Dr. Robert Lahti.

Mr. Haas, Chairman of the Board, addressed the conference on "Defining the Role of Trustee." In describing the difficult role of a trustee, Mr. Haas observed, "If the trustee fails to assume his responsibilities, his contribution to the college will be of little value... while if he oversteps his authority, the relationship between the board and the administrator will undoubtedly cause conflicts which will jeopardize the efficient operation of the institution."

HARPER BOARD CHAIRMAN IS SPEAKER.

Attending a recent conference of community college presidents and Board members in Jefferson City, Mo., were Harper Board members Richard Johnson and John Haas and Harper president

This annual conference attracts outstanding educators and administrators from the midwest area. The meeting focused on the role of administrators and trustees in the planning and operation of a college as well as the role of universities as consultants.

HARPER DEAN HEADS COMMITTEE. Dr. James Perry, Dean of Business for Harper College, has been selected chairman of a nine member working committee appointed by the Illinois State Junior College Board. This committee will develop and publish a uniform accounting manual for Illinois public junior colleges.

The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for late February in Springfield. Members are business officers from junior colleges throughout the state.

According to Dr. Perry, the committee "intends to have a rough draft completed by June 30 at which time the editorial committee will edit the entire manual to provide a working copy to be used on a pilot basis during the '67-'68 school year." The editorial committee consists of Dr. Perry and James S. Spencer, Associate Secretary of the Illinois State Junior College Board.

BOND SALE PROVES TIMELY. \$4 million in bonds were recently sold by the college to the First National Bank of Chicago for a net interest rate of 3.65% compared to the 4.38% rate on the first bond sale last October. This .73% differential in interest rate represents a savings to taxpayers of more than \$250,000 over the life of these bonds.

The \$7.375 million proceeds from the two bond sales represent 25% of the estimated overall construction cost of the 29.5 million dollar campus. The state will pay the remaining 75%.

Not all of the campus is to be constructed at one time. Construction of the first phase is scheduled to begin late this spring. The five buildings in-

cluded in this phase are: the college center, the learning resources center, a science and technology complex, a lecture-demonstration building, and one wing of the fine arts complex.

BOARD MAKES KEY APPOINTMENT. With the appointment of Harold C. Cunningham as Assistant Dean of Career Programs, the Harper Board has filled one of the college's key positions. Mr. Cunningham, who is 33, will assume major responsibility for planning, organizing and administering the technical-vocational programs of the college.

There are very few individuals having the necessary academic and technical background to administer these programs. Technical programs are typically the most difficult to plan - as well as the most costly to operate.

Mr. Cunningham has a masters degree plus advanced work at various National Science Foundation institutes. His experience includes teaching on the faculty of Wayne State University's College for Engineering. Mr. Cunningham is presently department head of engineering and related technologies at Duchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

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