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A LOOK AT TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS. March marked the second anniversary of the founding of Harper College and a heartening two years it has been, thanks in great part to the enthusiasm and cooperation of scores of people from throughout the district. Here are where things stand, as of today:

A comprehensive study of the college district, completed early this spring by Arthur D. Little, Inc., is providing valuable "development guidelines," for use in designing physical facilities, for planning curriculum and programs and for projecting student enrollments.

The number of full-time student applications received so far exceeds 500. The college will begin accepting part-time student applications on May 15. Total student enrollment for this fall is estimated at about 1,400, with full-time staff needs set at about 50. Most of the full-time faculty and counseling staff have been hired including 38 teaching staff and 4 counselors.

Courses of study planned for this fall include the traditional two-year freshman-sophomore undergraduate curriculum of universities, plus two-year career oriented technical programs. Harper courses have been coordinated with those of state universities to assure that Harper transfer students will be evaluated on the same basis as transfers from any other college. The college has received written assurance from the various Illinois state universities as well as other schools, including Dartmouth, Cornell and the universities of Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, and California.

In addition to its undergraduate curriculum, two-year career programs will be offered in Accounting, Data Processing, Electronics, Law Enforcement, Marketing and Retailing, Mechanical Design, Nursing and Secretarial Science.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN IS APPROVED. The master plan for the \$29.5 million Harper campus was recently given final approval by the Board of Trustees. Detailed construction drawings for the first six buildings to be constructed were also approved. Groundbreaking is scheduled for late summer with occupancy expected by the summer of 1969.

Until the new campus is ready, Harper's temporary campus will be the new Elk Grove High School. Harper classes will be held weekdays from 4 until 10 p. m. The college is fortunate to be able to use the facilities of such a beautiful and excellently equipped school. Elk Grove

High School is making available to Harper 75 classrooms, their gymnasium and field house and half of their library space. The college will provide its own books - nearly 7,000 volumes - as well as its own library staff.

Supplementing this temporary space will be 8 modern, air conditioned mobile units, which will be located adjacent to the high school and will provide Harper with its own quarters for faculty and counselor offices, a student bookstore and lounge, and special classroom space.

BARRINGTON JOINS HARPER DISTRICT. Early in March residents of Barrington high school district #224 voted 7 to 1 for annexation to Harper College District #512, effective July 1, 1967. However, first revenues from the Barrington district will not be collected until June of 1968 though students from Barrington may attend Harper this fall paying district resident tuition rates.

Nevertheless, the addition of Barrington is considered an asset to Harper. With total assessed valuation approximating \$100,586,000 Barrington will contribute significantly to Harper's operating revenue.

This 100 million dollar addition to Harper's district assessed valuation supplements the annual natural growth occurring in the northwest suburbs. Harper's assessed valuation has increased in 1965 and 1966 by 69 million and 72 million dollars respectively. With Barrington's addition, Harper's assessed valuation will have increased this fiscal year over 172 million dollars to a grand total of \$886,568,000.

ANNOUNCE POLICE PROGRAM. Beginning this fall, Harper will offer a college-level Law Enforcement program for young men interested in careers in police work. Although the program will be "vocational-oriented," it will be structured so the graduate can transfer to a four-year university and work toward a baccalaureate degree. Arlington Heights has announced that it plans to award full Harper scholarships to three Police Cadets, who will work part-time on the force while majoring in Law Enforcement at Harper.

REAPPOINTED TO AAJC POST. Dr. Robert Lahti, Harper president, has been reappointed chairman of the American Association of Junior Colleges' Commission on Administration. The commission is an advisory body on matters of college administration and is particularly concerned with how it can assist governing boards and presidents of newly formed junior colleges. This is a pressing problem in view of the one-per-week rate at which junior colleges are being formed.

BOARD CHAIRMAN IS SPEAKER. John A. Haas, Harper Board chairman, was again a speaker before a conference of community college presidents and board members at a recent meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. His paper, "Defining the Role of Trustee," originally presented at a January conference in Missouri, was so well received he was asked to give it again at the New Mexico conference.

TWO BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED. In the recent April elections, two college Board positions were involved, although they were uncontested. Abraham Bernstein and Mrs. Jessalyn Nicklas, both incumbents, were re-elected.

NEW FACULTY CONVENES. Harper College faculty members got together for their first informal conference recently, which gave everyone an opportunity to meet other members of the college staff. Held at Elk Grove High School, the meeting helped new faculty members to plan ahead regarding textbooks, room assignments, as well as details about the opening of classes in September.