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GROUND BREAKING....SOON. Certainly a significant milestone in the progress of Harper College will be the groundbreaking and the beginning of construction of the first phase of its new campus. Groundbreaking should be....soon. The college, in fact, is ready now. Without the planning and persistence of the Board and the cooperation and efforts of the architects (Caudill, Rowlett & Scott), this would not have been possible.

Groundbreaking now waits on two separate actions. The most critical of these is by the Illinois Junior College Board. It has yet to determine how much will be allocated from state funds to this project. Actual allocation can't be made until the legislature acts upon the junior college appropriations bill now being considered in Springfield.

Approval by the federal government's Office of Housing and Urban Development of our final construction drawings and bid documents is also required prior to groundbreaking.

Cost of Phase I, if approved as recommended, will be \$15.41 million. Of this amount, \$3.07 million represents federal grants already approved. The local district's share of the project - \$3.87 million - has already been raised through the sale of bonds. The biggest share of the cost - \$8.47 million - represents the state's commitment under the Illinois Junior College Act, although much of this has not yet been allocated.

PHASE I - SIX BUILDINGS. Where do you begin when you start a college campus from scratch? Harper is starting with six buildings, ranging from a three story Learning Resources Center including a library, classrooms, and audio-visual equipment, to a Central Utility plant for boilers and storage. The largest building will be the College Center, a three story structure for student activities, lounges, dining facilities, and counseling and administration offices.

The two story Science-Technology Complex will have more than 30 classrooms and labs plus faculty offices. A two

story Fine and Applied Arts Wing will also provide classrooms but will have special studios and labs, as well. Three lecture halls will be included in a two story Lecture-Demonstration Center. Completion date for Phase I is the fall of 1969.

Of course there will be walkways, landscaping, and so on plus more than 40 acres of parking lots. Even 40 acres will not long be adequate. Projected enrollment for the fall of 1969 exceeds 3,000, with over 5,000 expected within two years thereafter - and all will be commuting.

FIRST CATALOG PUBLISHED.

Harper's first catalog is off the press. The 96 page book was designed to be an historical document as well as serve the usual role of a catalog. It contains sections on the Board of Trustees, a brief history of the college, a profile of William Rainey Harper the man, plus a look at the new campus and the temporary campus. Of course for most readers, the curriculum and course descriptions make the best reading. Perhaps the most significant piece of information in the new catalog is the date "Sept. 13, 1967" which of course is the day when classes begin for Harper.

V. I. P. VISITORS....In April, Mrs. Janet Burnham, Dental Hygiene Consultant for the Division of Dental Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., visited with us to discuss plans for our establishing a degree program in Dental Hygiene. According to Dr. James Harvey, dean of students, "Mrs. Burnham provided helpful suggestions on the program and our facilities. She was enthusiastic about prospects of such a program at Harper and indicated satisfaction with the plans as they have progressed so far." Harper expects to have a Dental Hygiene degree program by fall of 1968.

.... Two educators from Canada recently visited with Roy Sedrel, director of data processing, and showed considerable interest in our data processing system as it will be applied to the student personnel function. The Toronto area visitors included Bill Stoddart of Seneca Community College and Dave Gould of Sentenial

Community College, both new colleges similar in size to Harper.

HARPER ATHLETICS. In May, the Northern Illinois Junior College Athletic Association accepted Harper College as a member, marking our first step toward developing an inter-collegiate athletic program. Actual competition won't begin until the 1968-69 school year, with five sports being considered - baseball, basketball, golf, tennis and wrestling.

In the meantime, a strong program of intramural sports is being planned to start this fall under the direction of John Gelch. Gelch is currently teaching in the physical education department at Illinois State University and serving as assistant coach in basketball and football.

HARPER PEOPLE ON THE GO.... Board member Richard Johnson (Arlington Heights) and President Robert Lahti... were speakers at a junior college conference in Kansas. Dr. Herbert Pankratz, dean of instruction... recently arranged and hosted a choral-reading session at Roosevelt University... also contributed to a seminar at the University of Illinois. Dr. James Harvey, dean of students... participated in a "brainstorming conference" in Virginia which studied the planning of personnel facilities for community colleges. Roy Sedrel, director of data processing... attended a convention in Detroit where he moderated a session on educational data processing.