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GROUNDBREAKING MARKS START OF CONSTRUCTION. The October 8 ground-breaking for Harper's new campus drew a crowd of more than 300 friends of the college and set in motion what so many have worked so long to see - actual construction of a community college.

Keynote speaker was State Senator John A. Graham of Barrington. Joining him in commending the college and the communities behind it were Donald Rumsfeld, U. S. Congressman, 13th District, and Willard A. Brown, Sr., State Junior College Board member from Palatine.

In a special symbolic ceremony preceding the actual groundbreaking, Dr. Robert Lahti mixed into the soil of Harper's campus samples of earth sent from Muskingham College, Yale University and the University of Chicago - the trio of institutions wherein most of the career and accomplishments of William Rainey Harper took place.

Groundbreaking was covered by NBC-TV and CBS-TV and was aired that evening on WBBM, Channel 2.

Others on the speaker's platform for the ceremony were state legislators Eugenia Chapman, David Regner, and Eugene Schlickman as well as village presidents John Woods, Arlington; John Blanke, Barrington; Jack Pahl, Elk Grove; William Engelhardt, Inverness; Daniel Congreve, Mt. Prospect; John Moodie, Palatine; and Ted Scanlon, Wheeling.

Presiding over the activities was John Haas, chairman of Harper's Board of Trustees who was joined on the platform by Trustees James Hamill, Milton Hansen, Richard Johnson, Mrs. Fred Nicklas, and Paul O'Dea.

Haas cited the works of the original citizens committee that led to the formation of the college district. A yellow ribbon was pinned on as many members of the committee as could be identified in the crowd plus three who were on the platform, including Mrs. Chapman, Willard Brown, and Mrs. Nicklas.

The college is grateful to all who attended for their enthusiasm and especially to the Fremd High School band and cheerleaders and to members of Palatine Boy Scout Troops 9 and 188 who helped to make the occasion a success.

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTES TO COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT. Dr. Lahti recently accepted on behalf of the college a large aerial photo of the site, presented by Chicago Aerial Industries, Barrington. As Dr. Lahti points out,

"This enlargement will enable us to trace the development of the college and the surrounding community. It is the only record we will have of this area prior to construction of the campus."

Local industry has been helpful in getting the college off to a good start. Chicago Aerial, for example, has six of its staff who are instructing or contributing their special talents to technical and curriculum advisory committees. CAI, a major producer of aerial reconnaissance systems and optical sighting equipment for government and industry, employs more than 1,000 at its Barrington complex.

COUNSELING PROGRAM PUBLICIZED.

A four page illustrated article entitled "The Counseling Approach at Harper College" was featured in the October issue of the Junior College Journal. Authored by Dr. James Harvey, dean of students at Harper, the article describes the unique "professional-decentralized" approach employed in the college's counseling program. The approach developed by Dr. Harvey is widely regarded as a model junior college system.

Harper has a staff of professionally trained counselors who handle academic advising, counseling, and orientation. Each counselor is assigned to a division of the college and located in the divisional offices. These are grouped throughout the college in close proximity to classrooms used by each division.

Though Harper's counseling system was overtaxed this fall during the onrush of over 1,700 students at the first opening of the college, the system is expected to be caught up and on schedule by next fall...providing, of course, the number of applicants don't again far exceed current projections.

COMMUNITY PLANNING SEMINAR PRAISED.

Planning officials from nine suburban communities met in Arlington Heights late last month to attend a two day seminar sponsored by Harper in cooperation with Loyola University. Ap-

proximately 25 officials representing nine area suburbs participated.

The purpose of the seminar was to enable community planners to think in terms of building dynamic communities by combining the experience of experts with the benefit of roundtable clinics in which problems common to most could be informally discussed.

Commented Dave Regner, state legislator from this district who attended one of the sessions, "Conferences such as this provide an excellent opportunity for the northwest suburban communities to examine together directions zoning and planning should take. The initiative Harper College has taken is to be commended."

A second seminar on the same general topic of community planning will be held next spring.

STAFF DISTINCTIONS.

Thomas McCabe, instructor of mathematics, has been appointed chairman of the Junior College Section of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers for the Association's annual meeting to be held this November in Chicago.

Ray Hylander, counselor, was elected President of the Illinois Guidance and Personnel Association at its state meeting in Chicago early in October. Represented in this Association are all Illinois high school and most college student personnel organizations.

Walter Klingenberg, manager of the college bookstore, earned a Management Seminar Diploma for successfully completing a course of study in Oberlin, Ohio. The award will be made by the National Association of College Stores, Inc., at their annual meeting scheduled next spring in New York.