Green light for Music & Science buildings signaled by Governor's release of funds

Long-awaited approval for Harper's needed additional instruction facilities has been granted by the State of Illinois. It was announced on April 26 by Dr. Robert E. Lahti, college president.

Upon recommendation of the State's Construction Review Task Force, Governor Richard B. Ogilvie gave the nod to Harper's Health-Science addition and Music Wing. The two buildings total 30,322 square feet and are budgeted to cost approximately $3,186,589.

The project is to be funded with 75 per cent State monies and 25 per cent local funds from Harper's site and construction fund.

Harper's Music Wing and Health-Science addition originally received approval from the State legislature in 1970 for a $3,200,000 budget. Concurrent with approval of the Harper project and others by the Illinois Junior College Board (IJCB) later that same year, Governor Ogilvie imposed a "freeze" on all capital spending by the State.

The difference between the 1970 budgeted cost for the two college buildings and the $3,186,589 approved by the Governor this week was the result of cost-cutting agreements between Harper and the Construction Review Task Force. "Because of escalation in construction costs since 1970," says President Lahti, "what we cut from this project isn't a matter of straight arithmetic."

Dr. Lahti estimates 'escalation' of from eight to 12 per cent applies to the project's original budget. The cuts agreed upon amount to approximately $330,000 at current cost levels and include elimination of a watering system for a portion of Harper's 200-acre campus and a reduction of air conditioning capacity in the Music Wing.

"Our architects planned the Music Wing air conditioning system to an extent which would permit 'tanking in' of future additions to the building without additional mechanical equipment. This capacity has been eliminated without affecting the comfort level in the building itself," Dr. Lahti explains.

The Illinois Building Authority must now open the Harper project to bidding which college spokesmen hope will occur within the next several weeks. The earliest awarding of the bid to a general contractor is seen as mid-June, with groundbreaking for the two buildings that same month.

Harper's architects, Caudill Rowlett Scott of Houston, Texas, estimate a 15-month construction period. "Optimistically," says Dr. Lahti, "we're hoping to open the buildings for classes in the fall of 1973."

Approval for the two buildings followed, by a matter of weeks, an approval for Harper to construct a maintenance building to be funded 100 per cent from local funds. The 6,000 square-foot unit, designated building "T," will be used as an interim classroom and lab space building next fall. Its cost will be $189,909.

Completion of the new educational structures will bring Harper's campus to 633,956 square feet in nine separate modules, representing 56.9 per cent of the college master plan. Harper's plan was adopted in 1967, and the first six campus buildings were opened in the fall of 1969 for more than 3,673 FTE students.

FTE (full-time equivalent) students are arrived at by taking all students enrolled in the college (continued on other side)

Students well served by counseling center

Harper's dean of guidance, Dr. Timothy Field, believes immediate attention to individual student needs is the primary objective of the counseling center.

Dr. Field came to Harper from an assistant professorship of psychology at Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where he was also a member of the counseling staff. He received his doctorate in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Since taking charge of Harper's counseling center last fall, Dr. Field has introduced a same-day service procedure which reduces waiting time by students.
CAMPUS EVENTS

All the May events are part of the annual May Arts Festival — and are free and open to the public:

May 1-21 Student/Faculty Art Exhibit. Lower level exhibition area, Learning Resources Center. Open during regular college hours.

May 9-22 Interior Design Display. Room 1096. Open during regular college hours.

May 12-15 Drama: "Inherit the Wind." Sponsored by Harper Players. E106, 8 p.m.

May 15 Concert: Harper Community Chamber Orchestra and Harper Concert Choir. College Center Lounge, 8 p.m.

May 19 Fashion Design Show. College Center Lounge, 8 p.m.

May 22 Concert: Harper Concert and Jazz Bands. College Center Lounge, 8 p.m.

May 24 Fashion Design Boutique. College Center Lounge, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The above events are explained in the May Arts Festival article appearing elsewhere in this issue of HAPPENINGS.

June 4 Harper College Fourth Annual Commencement. 6 p.m., Harper Campus.

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(total head count) and dividing that figure by 15 credit hours (the normal load of a full-time student). Because the proportion of part-time students in a community college is high, FTE is the enrollment figure used which is most comparable to head count at senior colleges, where nearly all enrollment is full time.

Harper's fall 1971 FTE was 4,837 (head count 9,478), a level originally projected for 1974. Updated Harper enrollment projections for 1974 show 7,074 FTE students (a total head count of 28,625 enrollees).

Soaring enrollments have put classroom and lab space at a premium. By next fall, 95 per cent of all seats available within all classrooms, labs, and lecture halls will be utilized 90 per cent of the time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each weekday — and by fall, 1974, Harper's president says "it will be impossible" to house anticipated enrollments within existing facilities, including Building "L", plus the two structures just approved.

Completion of the Health-Science addition and the Music Wing will still leave Harper some 90,000 square feet short of needs. "State guidelines allow us 530,640 square feet for the 6,500 FTE enrollment we have projected for 1973," Dr. Lab. points out. It is calculated that Harper will need an additional quarter million square feet of instructional space by 1975. Allowing two years for construction of such facilities means that the college will require State Task Force approval again in 1973.

Mrs. Nicklas is new Harper Board Chairman; Mrs. Marier, Mr. Moats win April election

Mrs. Jessalyn M. Nicklas, a member of Harper's board of trustees since the college was first organized in April, 1965, has been elected to the position of board chairman for the coming year, taking office April 13.

She was elected to the post at the board's reorganization meeting following the April 8 election in which incumbent Lawrence R. Moats was returned to office and Mrs. Marilyn M. Marier won the other seat on the board.

Official election results showed that 15,064 valid votes were cast, with Mr. Moats receiving 4,984 and Mrs. Marier 9,080. With six candidates for the two vacancies on the board, Howard Pollard of Arlington Heights received the next highest number of votes with 2,148. Michael Huston of Schaumburg was fourth with 1,691 votes, LeRoy E. Hutchings of Mount Prospect fifth with 1,565 votes, and Mrs. Rochelle Veitch of Mount Prospect sixth with 1,146. There were 58 write-in votes cast.

Mrs. Marier is the second woman to be elected to Harper's board of trustees. She comes well qualified with a solid background of service to the community which Harper serves as well as to her home community of Arlington Heights.

At the April 13 board meeting, a motion was approved to set the second Thursday of each month as the regular meeting of the board of trustees, to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the board room of the administration building of the college (room A315).

SEMINARS

The following management seminars will be held during the month of June:

June 6 Executive Stress. Seminar conducted by Dr. Harry Leviason, the Thomas Harper Carroll Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School, and president of the Leviason Institute. The forces that create stress for people in managerial and executive roles will be examined, with a discussion of what can be done about these stresses. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: $75.00, including lunch. (Rolls and coffee served at 8:30 a.m.)

June 12-13 Wage and Salary Administration: Design and Administration. Seminar conducted by Dr. Thomas H. Pattzen, professor of personnel management organization behavior and an associate director of the Sloan Industry and Industrial Relations, Michigan State University, and John H. Sullivan, faculty member, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, Michigan State U. In addition to heavy emphasis on practical solutions to "backbone" problems of wage and salary administration, this seminar will focus on identifiable trends and new concepts in the field. Fee: $80.00, including lunch. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with rolls and coffee served at 8:30 p.m.

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