Brooklyn College is Hailed by Mayor

Says ‘BLUFF WON GRANT’

Also Used His ‘Prerogative’ of Losing Temper—Eisner and Other Leaders Speak

Brooklyn College started its eighth academic year yesterday with classes meeting for the first time on the new campus and in the new buildings. Mayor La Guardia, Borough President William A. Boylan, and Lewis W. Eisen of the Board of Higher Education, pronounced the dedication of the students in an informal dedication of the formal dedication which will take place later.

The exercises were held on a platform in the new academic building with the students crowded into the quadrangle. The ceremonies were marked by the practical politics of getting a new college built.

Eisner was heard at the first commencement of Brooklyn College with the building of the college to have its own home.

Ingersoll “Picketed” Mayor

Raymond Ingersoll started the picketing of Mayor La Guardia, he explained, “You know that Mayor La Guardia was the last of the Mayors to go to the Daily Breeze; meetings, resolutions, petitions and then picketing. We want to make sure that the Board of Estimate over the choice of a site.

The Mayor exercised one of his prerogatives—one that is very advertised these days—by his temper. That is what I always do when I want to get something done. I go to the Board of Estimate just like that,” the mayor said, with an illustrative hand gesture.

“Then I went to Mr. Eisner and animatedly said that there were no plans. I read in the paper,” he continued, dropping his voice. “I may not even drive away. They were very about good. I told them what we wanted and said that if we got the money they would get paid, if we didn’t, they wouldn’t have a nice set of plans for themselves.

Then I hauled to Washington with the plan. They were incomplete plans so I kept them folded. Nobody locates with the plans anyway. We were sitting around the table discussing the grant of money. The work had to be done in a year.

Then the mayor recalled the cornerstone laying, which President Roosevelt attended, and said that the student body were left out. No one informed him. It was just as well, he said, that the President surveyed the excavations and remarked, “Is this the group of the fingers, and not the building?”

Borough President Ingersoll also referred to the struggles of the students and reviewed some of the fight over sites.