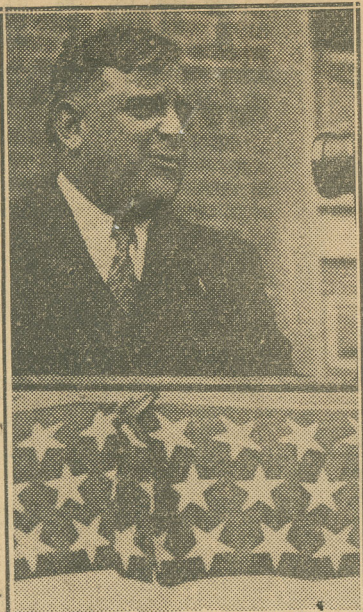


Mayor Dedicates College



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Mayor F. H. LaGuardia speaking at the dedication yesterday of Brooklyn College

New Quarters Of Brooklyn College Opened

Eighth Collegiate Year Is Started With Students in Their Own Home at Last

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Brooklyn College entered its new home yesterday at Bedford Avenue and Avenue H, Brooklyn, marking the official opening of the college's eighth year. The opening day of college had been postponed for about a month to permit removal of equipment from the former rented quarters to the newly completed buildings. Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, who made the principal address, said he was badgered into going to Washington to get Federal funds for the project, and had to promise President Roosevelt that the job could be done within the year.

Officials began pestering him about the college, which was established as an entity separate from Hunter College, in 1930, as soon as he took office, the Mayor said. At that time classes met in lofts and office buildings in the vicinity of Brooklyn Borough Hall. Raymond V. Ingersoll, Borough President of Brooklyn, picketed his office, the Mayor said, until he agreed to make the trip to Washington in behalf of the college.

In this case, said the Mayor, he was guilty of the charge frequently made against him of exceeding his authority and he was glad of it. Before any steps had been taken toward obtaining the construction fund, he said, he had engaged architects for the buildings.

"They were good sports," he said. "I told them that if we got the money they would be paid and if we didn't get the money they could keep their plans. They laughed and went ahead."

He was prouder of the five college buildings, he said, than of anything else he had accomplished in his administration and was prepared to go ahead and spend \$300,000 on landscaping the campus.

The buildings are the academic building, the science building, the gymnasium, the library and the heating plant. When fully equipped, these structures, it is estimated, will have accommodations for 21,500 students, including those in day, evening, summer and post-graduate sessions. At present there are 5,100 day students and 5,100 evening students.

Another academic building, another science building, an auditorium and other buildings are planned, the total cost to be \$10,000,000. The sum the Mayor obtained in Washington was \$5,500,000; of which only 55 per cent will have to be repaid.

The college property extends over forty-three acres and symmetrical development of the area.

About 6,000 students were present at the exercises. Besides the Mayor, the speakers were Borough President Ingersoll, Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education; Dr. Arthur M. Howe, chairman of the administration committee of the Board of Higher Education, and Dr. William A. Boylan, president of the college.