President Boylan Voices Delight With Action of Estimate Board

In an exclusive interview after the Board of Estimate had approved provisionally the Wood-Harmon site, President William A. Boylan openly showed his pleasure and elation.

His face and eyes beamed with joy as he declared, "I am highly delighted with the progress made thus far in obtaining a location suitable for the College. Throughout the college, a tremor of pleasure was perceptible. Even the professors are dancing with glee."

He said that the men who had aided Brooklyn in their eight-year struggle for adequate quarters, Borough President Ingersoll, he asserted, "was the greatest aid we had in securing buildings. He was wholeheartedly in favor of the idea and was acting on the principle used by many of our educational institutions, you know, the Brooklyn Administrative Committee, of which Dr. Arthur Howe is the chairman, was constantly active in our behalf. Our Mayor, Mr. Murphy, was especially helpful.

Dr. Boylan expressed the appreciation of the college for the action of the Board of Estimate. "Our faculty, numbering 200, our student body of 11,000 and our 3,000 Alumni are all very appreciative of the action of the Board," he declared.

In the interview, Dr. Boylan said that he felt "that he is singularly blessed in counseling his educational work of 40 years in aiding his beloved student body."

He said, "that the board of the borough of Brooklyn will be proud of Brooklyn College, both scholastically and architecturally."

PLANS PUSHED FOR SECURING OF P.W.A. AID

By PROMINENT OFFICIALS, PIONEER LEARNED

PWA funds for the construction of the new Brooklyn College buildings will be secured in the near future, the Pioneer has learned from a usually reliable source.

In the early stages of the campaign in the federal government to reduce the relief lists in the Empire State, a new building project for Brooklyn was inaugurated. In a recent speech, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has been one of the most able leaders for the use of federal funds to improve institutions of the type exemplified by Brooklyn College.

In order to hasten the project, Arthur S. Tuttle, State PWA engineer, submitted the plans for the new college, together with the request for the loan, immediately upon its passage by the Board of Estimates.

So sure was Mayor LaGuardia of Washington approval that it was felt that the act of a few of the junior members of the Senate would not impair the chances of securing the money. This consideration, however, is not expected to delay the matter in any way.

Mr. Tuttle is making no attempt to retrieve the lost week, but is forwarding plans for the building immediately to Washington. If not in the delay in the claims of the city, the new college would have been awarded about six months ago. In July of last year, Commissioner McDevit submitted a plan for a loan of $5,000,000 for the construction and equipment of the new building.

Although no action had been taken because of the failure of the city to choose a definite site, this purchase of the Wood-Harmon site will enable the city to secure the PWA funds.

Erasmus H.S. Wants Athletic Field on Wood-Harmon Site

Part of the Wood-Harmon tract which will be used by Brooklyn College students for an athletic field will be used exclusively by the high school students.

At a recent meeting held last week, the principal of Erasmus Hall High School was appointed as a committee of one to place this suggestion before the Board of Estimate. If necessary, the Erasmus Educational Organization is willing to expand its athletic facilities to cover more than 100,000 square feet of the construction of the stadium, it was indicated at the meeting.

Immediate Aid Ensures Occupation By Fall 1937, President Boylan States

Application By Fall 1937 is expected by President Boylan, if the application for funds is quickly granted and the work progresses smoothly without any unnecessary delay.

The provision for the purchase of the forty-one acre tract as a site, was voted last week by the Board of Estimate under the resolution introduced almost two weeks ago by Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll, bringing to a successful culmination the five-year struggle of the college authorities and public-spirited civic groups for adequate housing facilities for the college. Negotiations for the purchase of the land will depend upon the ability of the present city administration to obtain the necessary funds, $5,500,000, for construction from the Public Works Administration.

Ratification by P.W.A. Expected

A request for this loan was made as far back as last May, but Arthur S. Tuttle, State Engineer in charge of PWA applications, had been unable to take any definite action because a site had not yet been chosen. Final approval of the March order has set the machinery at Washington in action, with ratification of the plan expected soon. A speech made by President Roosevelt several weeks ago on the value of public works projects, similar to the construction planned by Brooklyn College, will undoubtedly supply pressure to hasten ratification of the loan application.

Dr. Boylan was elated when informed that the Board of Estimate had approved the Wood-Harmon site. He beamed upon visitors who poured into his office to congratulate him. During the entire day messages of felicitations came in over the telephone. "It is the dream of my life come true," President Boylan told Pioneer reporters. He said he was delighted with the progress made thus far in obtaining a site and buildings for Brooklyn College.

News Excites Students

Approval of the Wood-Harmon proposal was voted at 11:20 Friday morning, the last day of school before the Christmas holidays, and news of the event was rapidly relayed into the Borough Hall section where students were quickly informed of the outcome of the vote. Groups of students were seen gathered about the campus trying to figure out which class would be the first to graduate from the new quarters. A bustle of excitement and a restless hurry-hither and thither permeated the campus atmosphere. Most of the students were too excited to express their feelings clearly when informed of the success of the project.

All the members of the Board voted for Mr. Ingersoll's resolution except Borough President Harvey of Queens who refrained from casting his ballot for Borough President Levy of Manhattan said that he was not entirely satisfied with the figures submitted, but felt that any move which would bring a new center nearer realization should be supported. In supplementing the appeal of Mr. Ingersoll for favorable action, Comptroller Joseph D. McDevitt (Continued on Page 4)
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In Life, 1935, Would Speed Up Building Action

Request Made for $5,500,000

Washington Machinery Hastened By Brooklyn College Note On Wood-Harmon Site

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explained that rents now being paid for the college's leased quarters totaled $91,303, an expense which the city could obviate by using its own quarters.

The presence of many friends of Brooklyn College at the last meeting of the Board was the occasion for one of the most intimate and friendly sessions which greeted the reading of the In-
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