

BROOKLYN COLLEGE DELAYS OPENING

Fall Term in New \$5,500,000
Plant to Start Oct. 18 Instead
of Sept. 20 as Planned

TERMS A WEEK SHORTER

Students Also Will Give Up a
Week of Easter Vacation—
Moving Already Begun

Brooklyn College will open its new \$5,500,000 plant one month behind schedule, college authorities disclosed yesterday. The opening has been set back from Sept. 20 to Oct. 18, due to the coincidental termination on Sept. 1 of leases on the five buildings which now form the college in the Borough Hall sector and the inability to open the new plant on schedule as a result of construction delays.

To compensate for the late opening, the student body, expected to number 14,000, will remain in school a week later than usual during the Spring semester and give up a week of the Easter vacation.

Schedule Is Reduced

Moreover, the authorities will take off one week each from the Fall and Spring semesters. The new schedule thus will be reduced to fifteen weeks instead of sixteen weeks. It is expected, however, that the college will revert to the sixteen-week term next year.

A visit to the new plant, situated on the old Wood-Harmon site, which the city purchased in 1935 at a cost of \$1,626,584.99, including taxes, revealed that the five buildings virtually are completed, with the possible exception of the library and the science building.

Despite the fact that Summer session is now being given at the old site, about one-third of the school's material and equipment has been moved to the new plant. Moving vans are now making occasional trips from Borough Hall to Ocean Avenue, but college authorities indicated that concentrated moving would not begin until after the close of the Summer session on Aug. 6.

Situated in the heart of Brooklyn, the old college is composed of six buildings. It utilizes 184,172 square feet of floor space. For these premises the city paid a rental of \$291,094 last year.

Rental Statistics

The yearly rental for 20,026 square feet of floor space at 383 Pearl Street, leased by the Eclipse Realty Company, was \$30,000; for 37,200 square feet at 66 Court Street, leased by the Charles F. Noyes Company, \$84,000; for 22,340 square feet at 159 Joralemon Street, leased by the Eliodore Realty Company, \$45,000; for 6,638 square feet at 120 Lawrence Street, leased by the Ascutney Realty Company, \$13,278; for 47,212 square feet at 57 Willoughby Street, \$47,212; for 50,755 square feet at 80 Willoughby Street, leased by a receiver of rents, I. Jerome Riker, \$70,900. The city also allotted \$704 for the use of a church auditorium as a college assembly hall.

Far from downtown Brooklyn stands the forty-three acre plot which soon will be the new home of Brooklyn College. The buildings, which have 782,614 square feet of floor space, look upon a shaded campus, a distant cry from the office quarters in the Borough Hall section.

The Federal Government appropriated \$5,500,000 for the construction of the five buildings on the Wood-Harmon site, 45 per cent of this sum being an outright grant, while the remaining 55 per cent is a loan to be repaid by the city.