

BROOKLYN COLLEGE DOUBLES CAPACITY

948 Rooms in the Five New Buildings Now Nearly Ready for Fall Semester

A FORTY-ACRE CAMPUS

Ultra-Modern Swimming Pool Has Submerged Lights That Indicate the Racing Lanes

The new Brooklyn College home at Avenue H and Bedford Avenue will more than double the facilities of the five office and loft buildings on its old site near Borough Hall. There are 948 rooms in the five new Georgian buildings and a forty-acre campus.

In the Academic Building there are 322 rooms, most of them for recitation and college offices. Opening out onto the balcony on the second floor and overlooking the campus is the president's suite consisting of a study, a colored tile bathroom and shower room and a large office. This adjoins the chambers of the Brooklyn College committee on higher education.

The cafeteria in the basement will accommodate 1,250 students. There is also a small faculty dining room and a little theatre for the speech department.

5-Story Science Building

Facing the Academic Building across the campus is the five-story science building with its 312 rooms, 56 storerooms and six lecture halls. The larger lecture rooms will seat 300 and are modern in every detail. This building when completed, with its seven-inch telescope, green house, and many soundproof rooms and laboratories, is expected to compare favorably with those of any college in the country.

Completing the three-sided quadrangle is the library with its high-flung tower and clock whose circular chimes will ring out every quarter hour. There will be 27 rooms, two large study halls, one large reference room and a circulating library. It is considered the show-place of the college with its fine old Colonial design both inside and without. In the gymnasium building on the other side of Bedford Avenue, which divides the campus in two, there are two very large gymnasia, two smaller ones and space equivalent to 62 rooms. There are additional fencing, boxing and wrestling rooms for the men and a dance studio for the women.

The swimming pool is ultra-modern with submerged lights that clearly indicate the racing lanes on the bottom of the regulation A. A. U. pool.

The fifth building is the heating plant that has an underground half-mile tunnel 7 feet high connecting it with the other buildings. This building is easily identified by a 75-foot tower and because it is well set off from the other buildings.

Space for More Buildings

Sufficient space remains on the campus to erect four or five additional structures to care for future growth.

Brooklyn College was established by the Board of Higher Education in 1930. It had begun to function earlier as branches of Hunter and City College. On Oct. 18 it will begin its Fall semester a month later than usual because of the construction work and the moving of equipment.

The new college was built with the aid of a \$5,500,000 loan from the Federal Public Works Administration. The Wood-Harmon site was purchased by the city for \$1,475,000, the price having been scaled down during depression years from more than \$4,000,000. An additional \$400,000 was appropriated by the city for new equipment. In the last week a \$19,000 moving job was completed and Robert J. Fee, curator at the college, disclosed that \$358,000 would soon be used for landscaping and beautifying the grounds.