WPA TRANSFORMS BROOKLYN CAMPUS

11,000 to Begin Registration Tomorrow in Surroundings of Borough Show Place

SPRINKLER SYSTEM PUT IN

Underground Irrigation Ready for Women's Hockey Field, Planted to Grass

When more than 11,000 Brooklyn College undergraduates begin registration tomorrow they will see a campus which the WPA has been rapidly turning into a show place. Registration will continue through the week and classes will be resumed next Monday.

The 1,200 new freshmen, 400 more than were admitted last term, will come to a campus upon which the Works Progress Administration has been spending for landscaping more than $384,000. By Dec. 31, when the conclusion of the project is expected, unless the additional $890,000 which the Board of Higher Education has asked of the WPA is forthcoming, almost the entire forty-two acres will have been developed.

Last week the beautifully tended lawn, covering the quadrangle adjacent to Bedford Avenue, was carefully cut to permit the laying of what WPA officials believe to be the only underground sprinkler system on a college campus in the country.

Eighteen Acres to Be Irrigated

Covering eighteen acres, the mile and half of pipe will provide irrigation for what will shortly become the women's hockey field. The pipe line will send out an eighty foot spray under seventy-five pounds of pressure. To permit the laying of the pipe it was necessary to cut and replace the lawn grass.

Also last week the last of fourteen English boxwood evergreens, valued at $200 to $300 each and ranging to 200 years in age, were placed on the campus. On Wednesday the first shipment of more than 500 mature trees, complete with equipment, was set in place.

Work on the lilypad pool and the tanbark garden, which lie on either side of the library building, is almost complete. In the tanbark garden will be placed more than 4,000 varieties of perennials. The next section of the campus to be landscaped lies across the street from the quadrangle and includes the front of the gymnasium building.

Soy Beans Enrich the Soil

Work on the women's hockey field will begin shortly. Here more than seven acres of soy beans have been planted to provide the soil with proper minerals and keep it in healthy condition. The work has been conducted under H. Osborne Richardson, landscape architect.

The WPA has also laid the mile-long roadway around the college and many walks across the campus. With the return to classes next week, the college will begin its ninth academic year as a separate city college. It will be the beginning of the second year at the new campus, which extends for ten blocks from Ocean Avenue and Avenue H almost to Nostrand Avenue and comprises five buildings.

Twelve hundred entering freshmen, men and women, at Brooklyn College began a week-long period of orientation exercises yesterday when the first of several groups heard addresses by Deans Mario E. Cosenza and Adele Bilderssee. This semester there are 500 more freshmen than were permitted to register last term.

The exercises are scheduled to continue through next Wednesday when the new students will officially register.

In addition to Dr. Cosenza and Dr. Bilderssee, speakers were Professor Frederick A. Olesen, acting chairman of the Hygiene Department; Blanche Kirsch, president of the student council; and Max Post, president of the athletic association.

The Thurstone psychological tests, in which Brooklyn College ranked twentieth last year among more than 300 American colleges, will be administered by Dr. LaVerne Buckton of the Education Department. Others who are aiding in the orientation program are Mary R. Stapleton, Mrs. Ray Blum-Lawrence and Mary A. Johnson of the staff of Dr. Bilderssee and Jeannette A. Cray, Frederick Westover and Henry Princenthal of Dr. Cosenza's staff.