

College Moving Day Soon

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Moving day to its new campus
is just around the corner for
Western Piedmont Community
College.

Today representatives of architects and contractors visited the campus with college officials to make a "punch list review" of Buildings B and C. Also they visited the boiler house.

This is a preliminary inspection leading to final acceptance of the building by the college, explained Dr. Gordon C. Blank, college president.

"The college plans to occupy the campus at the beginning of the spring quarter, March 25.

"We'll continue using old central School as an adjunct of the facility," he added.

Today's visit involves mainly housekeeping items and some things not compiled with in the contract. As soon as these items are corrected, a final review will be made to see if they have been taken care of.

Inspection plans were made by A. G. Odell Jr. and Associates, the Charlotte architectural firm, along with the college officials. Also here were men from Laxton Construction Co., Charlotte; Shanklin Heating and Air Conditioning Co.; Tompkins-Johnson Plumbing Co.; Sigmon Electric Co. and Westbrook Elevator Co.

Building A is still not sufficiently completed to be ready for its "punch list review." This building will have three levels.

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It will contain the library and various faculty and student offices, a teaching auditorium, audio laboratory, programmed instruction laboratory, classrooms, and service spaces.

Building A, considered the main building, is at the left of the main entrance, or plaza area of the campus. A breezeway leads to Building B on the right. This is a two-level building.

On the top level of Building B there are laboratories for chemistry, physics, and biology laboratories and a science demonstration room. Downstairs will be the technology laboratories for nursing, drafting, business education, and other classrooms, laboratories, and offices.

Behind these is Building C, a one story structure housing vocational shops. And next to this is the boiler building.

Altogether the three buildings contain approximately 70,000 gross square feet of space. Specifically Building A is 99 by 171 feet; Building B is 88 by 128 feet; Building C is 47 by 91 (though not perfectly symmetrical); and the boiler house is 27 by 55 feet.

Cost of the three buildings is \$1,700,000. Around them on the 132-acre campus are empty spaces where future plans call for construction of additional units in another phase of development of the college.

Already Dr. Blank and the college trustees are thinking and planning ahead to the time the dream of the college's future development will begin to unfold even more. But immediately there is planning for the move from the temporary facilities and the opportunities for enlarging programs and offerings for students.



CAMPUS IS TAKING SHAPE — Two buildings at Western Piedmont Community College are receiving a preliminary inspection today leading to acceptance. Architects and contractors sent representatives to look over Buildings B and C with college officials. Here in the plaza area Dr. Gordon C. Blank, college president, discusses the buildings with a group of representatives. In background (left) is Building A which

is still too incomplete for inspection. Left to right are Paul W. Horting, construction representative for the mechanical department of A. G. Odell Jr. and Associates, of Charlotte; Dr. Blank; Ray Pursley, Odell's construction representative for its architectural department; John Ross, electrical engineer for Odell; and Jack Sigmon, Statesville, electrical contractor for Sigmon Electric Co. (Staff photo by Benny Orders)



IN BUILDING B—Inspection of science demonstration room in Building B of Western Piedmont Community College is in progress. Here is a modern demonstration table and sink. In background are lecture chairs and desks fitted with modesty panels—helpful if students wear miniskirts. Left to right are Dr. Gordon C. Blank, college president; John

Ferris, project manager for Laxton Construction Co. of Charlotte; Jerry Garrell, superintendent of buildings and grounds at the college; and Ray Pursley, construction representative for A. G. Odell Jr. and Associates, architects of Charlotte. (Staff photo by Benny Orders)