

THREE YEARS IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Malaspina College Looks To New Campus

Malaspina College, now in its third year, has its sights firmly fixed on a new and permanent campus at Nanaimo.

The community college has grown steadily since opening in an old former hospital.

Now it's looking forward to the day when it would move into its spacious campus.

The college council has arranged to lease 136 acres of land west of the city, on property for

merly part of Nanaimo army camp near where its vocational buildings stand.

Architects have prepared a small model of the proposed campus designed to fit into the landscape and take advantage of the sloping site, which has a sweeping view.

Planning is being based on requirements for the next 20 years. In initial stages, the architects are thinking in terms of several buildings facing east and north in a 200 degree arc, properly spaced with walkways, as best suited to the site.

College council president Beatrice Davis says she hopes a start will be made on construction by the fall of 1974.

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The college will be going to referendum for the capital costs of construction. The lease on its present temporary quarters expires in 1973, although it can be renewed for another year.

Capital costs of the new campus buildings will be shared, according to Davis. The provincial share for the new college will be 60 per cent with the balance being spread over five participating school districts.

Davis could give no date for the holding of referendums in the five school districts. "That will depend upon when the provincial department of education gives the go-ahead."

"Progress at Malaspina has been steady although not spectacular," Dr. C. M. Opgaard, president of Malaspina College says. "We are greatly pleased with the growth both of college programs and the extension of our services to all the communities in the region."



(Photo by Englefield)

First convocation at Malaspina College in May, 1971, was attended by more than 300 people. Right: Hal Brown, noted conversationalist and chairman of University of Victoria, is shown delivering convocation address. Seated at centre foreground is Dr. W. R. MacMillan, Nanaimo dentist who re-

lived as chairman of Malaspina College Council earlier this year after 20 years of work in establishing the college.



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