

New College
News Release

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New College today approved plans and authorized the advertisement for competitive bids of its East Campus, in a move that signals the start of the college's long-term \$15 million campus building program.

The Board of Trustees authorized the action on plans by I.M. Pei, world-famous architect and planner. ~~His~~ Plans and specifications were inspected by the trustees during their annual meeting.

The East Campus project is virtually on the Manatee-Sarasota county line. The dramatic building complex commands an unobstructed vista from the Tamiami Trail, having been set well back on the deep site.

The Pei design has the masonry and glass contemporary two-story group of buildings raised about four feet above the surrounding landscaped campus. The three building groups have been placed by the architect around a central plaza that is lower than the surrounding classrooms, residences and administrative areas.

The changes in elevation are conceived to give the overall East Campus construction a sense of dramatic unity, while within the complex, students and faculty will have the atmosphere of a Mediterranean village. This will be accentuated by the installation of tile and planting areas in sections of the podium.

Moreover, in addition to the central court, each building will be built around a landscaped courtyard.

The initial construction will be used for housing and class facilities for the first years' classes. The three buildings contain a total of ~~22~~ 144 ~~2~~ double rooms with patio or balcony, including suites for house masters and tutors.

"Planning for this first group of New College buildings has necessarily had to be both deliberate and rapid since this is New College's first major construction venture and we had to provide for the Charter Class," President George F. Baughman said.

"Mr. Pei and his associates have created a true environment for learning, beautiful to see, imaginative in its conception, and outstanding in the quality of construction for which it calls. When completed, I am sure that our communities will view this as the fine expression of architecture for which Mr. Pei recently received the New York architects' gold medal award," said Dr. Baughman.

In other business at the trustees meeting Louis H. LaMotte, elected chairman of the board in February, was re-elected for a full-year term at the annual membership meeting.

All other officers were re-elected for new terms. They are: Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss, vice-chairman; Benton W. Powell, treasurer; and, Robert B. Van Skike Jr., secretary.

Resignation of Ed H. Price Jr. from the Board of Trustees was accepted with regret by the board.

In resigning, Price called attention to his many industry, church, ~~tax~~ legislative and other duties and said, "I have become increasingly aware of my inability to meet the demands of time and effort expected of an active trustee of New College."

Price said he submitted his resignation with sincere regret "for it has been an honor and a privilege to serve in such distinguished company and for such a worthy undertaking."

Chairman LaMotte expressed the hope that Price at some future time might again be able to include New College in his active interests.

The board set November 13-14 for its fall meeting and agreed to continue monthly executive committee meetings.

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