

'New Dimension' Promised At County Junior College

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The Kennesaw Junior College will bring a new dimension in education to this section of Georgia, according to the college's first president Dr. Horace W. Sturgis.

Dr. Sturgis, who comes to the Kennesaw College after working as a teacher and registrar at Georgia Tech for 23 years, says the new college will meet three kinds of needs in the community.

First the college will give students a background in the liberal arts and the sciences so they will be equipped to earn a bachelor's degree from a four year college or university.

The college will also provide terminal education for students who do not intend to pursue school beyond the junior college level.

Adult education and community services will be the third type of need which the college hopes to meet.

Dr. Sturgis says the extent of the adult education program will depend upon the local demand. Courses such as interior decorating, music appreciation, art and law for the layman are a few of the subjects which adults will be able to take at Kennesaw College.

"We hope to stimulate the interest of many adults in the community so they will participate in this unique educational opportunity," commented Dr. Sturgis.

Kennesaw Junior College will open its doors in the fall of 1966 and anticipates an enrollment

of 1,500 students, all of whom will be commuters.

"One of the purposes of a community college," Dr. Sturgis said, "is to reduce the expense of going to college by allowing students to live at home and still attend classes."

The new junior college will absorb the first two years of the off-campus center of the University of Georgia, which presently serves 1,100 students.

Between 75 - 100 people will comprise the staff of the college. "One of our present concerns," said Dr. Sturgis, "is the recruitment of competent We want our emphasis to be on good teaching."

The largest junior college in the state, Kennesaw College will have a payroll of more than a million dollars, according to Dr. Sturgis. He added the school will be both an economic and an educational boon to the community.

The physical plant of the college includes 150 acres and will have eight buildings. There will be a library, two classroom buildings, a science building, a student activities center, a gym, an administration and a maintenance building.

At the helm of the new college's program will be Dr. Sturgis. He earned his bachelor's degree from Piedmont College, his

master's from the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. from New York University. He has also done graduate work at Georgia Tech and Emory.

After he had taught in Georgia public schools for seven years, Dr. Sturgis began teaching physics at Georgia Tech. Later he became Tech's assistant and then associate registrar.

When asked what induced him to leave Georgia Tech, Dr. Sturgis replied, "The challenge of being part of the development of a new school in this particular area brought me to Kennesaw College. I believe this will be one of the most interesting opportunities a person could have.

"I am looking forward to working with the people in this community in developing this new educational facility."

Until buildings at the junior college are completed, Dr. Sturgis will have a temporary office in the Southern Tech Administration Building.



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DR. HORACE W. STURGIS, COLLEGE PRESIDENT
A New College to Meet Community Needs