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Florida Junior College would give a dramatic boost to redevelopment of Downtown Jacksonville if a plan (see reverse) unveiled at the JULY 18, 1979 BOARD MEETING becomes a reality. The plan, unanimously approved by the trustees as "a concept for further study," includes construction of a five-story District Administrative Office Building, an 1,800-seat performing arts auditorium, a gymnasium seating 4,500, a new three-story academic wing at Downtown Campus adding 107,500 gross square feet, a one-story shop addition to the campus with 32,400 gross square feet, and an outdoor recreational area with 6 tennis courts, 4 volleyball courts, 2 basketball courts, 8 handball courts and an open field suitable for such sports as soccer and baseball. Additions to the campus proper would be immediately to the east of the existing facilities at 101 W. State St. and extend east to Laura. The District Office Building, gymnasium, performing arts auditorium, outdoor recreation and parking spaces would be west of the existing Downtown Campus, on an 18-acre tract bounded on the south by State Street, on the east by Pearl, on the west by Broad and on the north by First Street Row. In remarks to trustees, FJC President Benjamin R. Wygal and Executive Vice-President Charles O. Ferguson emphasized the development at this time is strictly a concept, but also stressed that the auditorium, gymnasium and outdoor recreation areas would be "for use by the entire College and the community." Regarding the office building, trustees were told FJC's lease on office space in the Universal Marion Building will expire March 31, 1982 and the College will have to find other suitable space to lease or else build its own. Trustees were further told the concept is "an accurate reflection of our program needs" and that the 18-acre tract west of Pearl is now owned by the City Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In its annual reorganization, the trustees re-elected Dr. Walter G. Jarrell as chairman and Mrs. Peggy C. Friedmann as vice-chairman for Duval County, and elected Mrs. Sarah P. Sova as vice-chairman for Nassau County. This came after Dr. Jarrell announced that Mrs. Sova and Mrs. Friedmann had been reappointed to the board and that Leonard Mosby, Area Vice-President of WJXT-TV 4, who was introduced at the meeting, has been named as the replacement for the retiring Donald T. Martin. The Board also set its regular meetings for 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, except for next month's meeting on August 22.

