A dedication ceremony and open house for the new Fred. H. Kent Campus facilities will be held the afternoon of Sunday, December 2, 1979, according to an announcement by FJC President Dr. Benjamin R. Wygal at the OCTOBER 10, 1979 MEETING of the District Board of Trustees. Dr. Wygal said the program is tentatively set to begin at 2:30 p.m. with the dedicatory rites, immediately followed by the open house tour of campus facilities. The public will be invited to participate. Expected to be on hand for the occasion is Fred. H. Kent, the man for whom the campus was named. He is a prominent Jacksonville attorney and theatre chain owner who was the first chairman of the FJC District Board of Trustees and a former chairman of the Board of Control of Florida Institutions of Higher Learning, now known as the Board of Regents. The new facilities at Kent Campus, built under the fast-track system and opened to students for the Fall Term, replaced the old frame Navy housing units that FJC had utilized for classroom, laboratory, learning resource, and office purposes since 1966. It was formerly known as the Cumberland Campus but was renamed for Mr. Kent in 1974.

The Board amended its rules to provide that any full-time employee required to be absent due to injury in line-of-duty may be granted up to 12 days of line-of-duty leave including holidays during any calendar year, based on a physician's report. While the employee is on such leave, all Worker's Compensation checks will be endorsed to the College. After the 12 days of line-of-duty leave, sick and annual leave will be used if necessary and during that time the employee may retain the Worker's Compensation check and draw the remaining portion of salary from sick or annual leave. If the employee is on personal leave without pay due to injury in line of duty, the College will continue to pay the cost of health and life insurance for three months, with retirement contributions being paid by the employee. The new rule means that an employee will not use sick leave and annual leave as rapidly as previously under the old rule.

The next meeting of the Board was set for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 1979 in the Board Room on the 15th floor of the Universal Marion Building.