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TU Campus Rejected Because Of Space Limitations, Threat Of Lowland Floods

The board of trustees of the Toledo State College of Medicine unanimously voted at a meeting yesterday to locate the institution on 150 acres of the grounds of the Toledo State Hospital.

The action, which was the culmination of several months of study and deliberation by the trustees, came after Paul Block, Jr., chairman of the board, read a telegram from the consultants who last week surveyed the Toledo area.

Dr. Donald G. Anderson said he, Dr. George N. Aagaard, and Dr. James M. Faulkner were unanimous in recommending the state hospital site "because we believe that the long-range development of a modern, high-quality medical center will require at least the amount of land that this site provides."

"The experience of many medical centers," Dr. Anderson explained, "has shown that over the years a medical college and its teaching hospital will need to construct a number of special facilities for which substantial acreage on the medical center site will be required.

Other Facilities

"In addition, when land is available other important health and health related institutions will want to locate, and the medical college will want them to locate, on the medical center site for their mutual advantage."

"In brief, the ownership or control of a large tract of land that will permit this type of growth and development is one of the most important assets that a modern medical center can possess."

Dr. Anderson placed two conditions on the recommendation, which Mr. Block said were not major obstacles. The first was that the medical school acquire certain land adjacent to the state-owned land, and the second is that state hospital land north of Arlington Avenue and between the boiler plant and the railroad be held in reserve for possible use by the medical center.

Dr. Anderson said all de-

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cisions with respect to the future use of these lands should be made with the concurrence of the medical college.

Because of the time and expense involved in the purchase and development of a larger tract on the outskirts of the city, the consultants did not recommend this site, provided that conditions listed for the state hospital location can be met, Dr. Anderson said. Mr. Block expressed confidence that the conditions could be met.

Dr. Anderson explained that because of the advantages of locating a medical school on a university campus he and his colleagues regretted that they could not recommend the University of Toledo site. The TU site lacks sufficient acreage and its physical characteristics impose serious limitations on the design of the medical college, he said.

Work With TU

The consultants expressed hope that effective relationships will be developed between TU and the medical school in the future. They added that they believe it should also be possible for the medical college to develop effective relationships with Bowling Green State University in such areas as may be appropriate.

Mr. Block explained that the consultants spent three days in Toledo checking the sites at the state hospital, TU and a third area of more than 1,000 acres at the western edge of the city. They also conferred with Dan Carmichael, Columbus consultant, who made the survey of physical aspects of the sites last summer, and also recommended the state hospital.

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As many as 13 or 14 buildings may have to be constructed in the medical center, Mr. Block reported. He said the consultants were concerned about the possibility of flooding in the low-lying part of the TU tract, and the difficulty and expense involved in providing necessary basements in the low level area.

Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling moved a resolution authorizing the chairman and secretary of the board to conclude an agreement on the transfer of the land with the Ohio department of mental hygiene and corrections, and also to take necessary steps to meet the conditions imposed by the consultants.

Space Lacking

The resolution was seconded by J. Preston Levis, who said that, as a TU trustee, he had hoped to see the medical school on the university campus. But he said the TU site did not provide adequate space, and it would be both shortsighted and a serious error not to select the state hospital location.

These views were echoed by Dr. Byron Shaffer, who said he too had hoped to see the medical school at TU.

Dr. Rawling pointed out that TU's offer of a free site had been a major factor in obtaining a medical school for Toledo.

J. Slater Gibson proposed, and the trustees unanimously approved, a resolution of gratitude to TU for its efforts in behalf of the medical school, and of hope for good relations between the two institutions in the future.

'Welcome News'

Commenting on the action of the medical college trustees, Dr. William S. Carlson, TU president, said:

"Selection of the site for the new medical school based on the recommendations of three excellent medical consultants means that the project can now begin to move rapidly. This should be welcome news to all who are interested in this significant development for northwestern Ohio.

"The University of Toledo has an important stake in the medical college for we see it as a significant addition to the health and educational resources of this region. Certainly both institutions stand to gain much by close cooperation, and I give my assurance that the university stands ready to be helpful in every way possible. We look forward to the selection of the new dean and pledge him our full support."

of the finance committee. Mr. Knight called the defeat of the hospital bond issue a disappointment, and said he had no recommendations for other plans for obtaining badly needed funds. The hospital bond issue had contained an allocation for the medical school.

► Appointed Annabelle Isaacs to be acting treasurer in place of L. F. Newmyer, who resigned, and approved a resolution of thanks to Mr. Newmyer for his services.

U Of M, Wayne To Take MSU Medical Grads

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 9 (AP)—Michigan's two four-year, medical schools have agreed to provide the final two years of medical doctor degree training for graduates of Michigan State University's two-year medical program.

Dr. Leon Fill, chairman of the state board of education's medical education committee, announced the agreement at the board's meeting yesterday.

"This means graduates of Michigan State University's program will be encouraged to stay in Michigan to complete their education," Dr. Fill said.

Where an MSU graduate will go for his final two years still will be up to the student, however.

Dr. Fill said the University of Michigan and Wayne State University would need more money and faculty members to take in the additional medical students.

MSU plans to open its College of Human Medicine next fall with about 20 students and to graduate its first class in 1968.

Staffing Job Called Too Big For 1 Person

In other actions, the trustees:

► Heard a report from Mr. Levis, chairman of the staffing procedures committee. Mr. Levis said the task of starting the medical school from scratch is too big for one man to handle. He noted that several established medical schools have an administrative vice president in addition to a dean.

► Heard a report from W. W. Knight, Jr., chairman