

# Lump Sum Tax For TU And Medical Unit Urged

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Plan Calls For School To Operate  
College Of Medicine, Health Center

A single tax levy for the operation of the University of Toledo and a proposed university medical center, built around Maumee Valley Hospital, was suggested yesterday.

County Commission Chairman Waldo Shank advanced the idea at a meeting at the university of a special committee that is studying the possibility of a university-operated medical center.

The tax levy, probably 1½ to 2 mills, Mr. Shank said would do the following:

1—Relieve City Council of the burden of appropriating money each year for the university. The city's grant this year amounts to \$735,000 for operations alone.

2—Guarantee a continuing source of operating funds, not only for the university itself, but also for the contemplated 4-year medical school and health center.

3—Create a first class medical center, under a single administration, at low cost to the taxpayers.

The committee is trying to work out a way for the university to start a full medical school in conjunction with Maumee Valley Hospital, Roche Hospital, Contagious Disease Hospital, the County Home and Toledo State Hospital—all located within a stone's throw of each other.

The University of Toledo now offers only pre-medical training. There are no complete medical schools in northwest Ohio and only three in the state—at Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland.

## Cites Need For School

Asa Knowles, president of the university, pointed out that Toledo is the only city of its size without an accredited school of medicine.

The initial cost of a medical school would be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000—for the construction of a classroom and laboratory building. That money might come from the state.

The operation of the school would require, in addition to the tuitions, from \$600,000 a year at the start to possibly \$1,000,000 a year when the full enrollment of 200 students is reached.

## Vote In November

The university currently is getting \$735,000 a year from the City of Toledo, by appropriation. County residents are to vote this November on a levy to give the school \$100,000 a year in return for lower tuition rates for county residents.

Mr. Shank said all this public money should be lumped into a single tax, sufficient to operate the university, permit growth and underwrite the costs of the medical school.

Mr. Knowles estimated the total requirement at \$2,000,000 a year within 10 years. That would mean a levy of from 1½ to 2 mills for city and county residents, if they approve it.

## Asks Lausche Parley

The committee asked its chairman, Nolan Boggs; Mr. Knowles and City Councilman Michael Damas to meet with Gov. Frank J. Lausche soon. They are to explore the possibility of getting a state grant for construction of the classroom building.

The committee also intends

to meet soon with the council of the Toledo Academy of Medicine. The council has expressed interest in the medical school idea.

The city now operates the Contagious Disease Hospital, while the Maumee Valley and Roche Hospitals, and County Home for Aged, are county responsibilities.

## University Operation -

If the plan goes through, the operation and staffing of Maumee Valley, and perhaps the others as well, would be transferred to the university. They would be the main core of the medical school.

Mr. Knowles said "this unusual combination of facilities" already in existence would make the establishment of a medical school relatively easy and inexpensive.

Councilman Damas and Commissioner Shank said they believe there are no legal obstacles to such a transfer. However, they intend to ask the city law director and county prosecutor for a ruling on the matter this week.