

# Single Levy Urged To Run TU And Medical Center

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## Proposed Project To Cost \$5 Million; Committee Favors Tax Of 1½ To 2 Mills

A single tax levy of 1½ to 2 mills to operate the University of Toledo and the proposed new university medical center was advocated yesterday at a meeting of a committee studying the possibilities of establishing a medical center in Toledo.

The center would serve the Toledo area and would be the only such facility in northwestern Ohio.

Waldo H. Shank, chairman of the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, suggested the levy at the meeting at TU as a means of financing the operation of the classroom and laboratory estimated to cost \$5,000,000 to construct.

Mr. Shank said a single levy would guarantee a continuing source of revenue for the 4-year medical school and health center which would use Maumee Valley Hospital as a nucleus. It is hoped, he said, that the levy would be approved on a 20-year plan.

Such a method, if approved by the voters, would relieve City Council each year of appropriating funds for TU, now running \$735,000 for operation costs annually, he explained.

### County To Vote

County residents will vote in November on a levy to provide TU \$100,000 a year in return for lower tuition rates for county residents.

Mr. Shank proposed that this public money be placed in a single tax which would produce enough money to run the university and to pay for medical school operation.

Councilman Michael J. Damas, a committee member, indicated that he favored the single levy and proposed that the \$5,000,000 construction cost be requested from the State.

### Knowles Gives Views

Asa S. Knowles, TU president, envisioned a medical school in conjunction with Maumee Valley Hospital, Roche Hospital, Contagious Disease Hospital, the Lucas County Home for the Aged and Toledo State Hospital. TU now offers only premedical training.

Mr. Damas said he understood that City Manager Finch was willing to have the Contagious Disease Hospital tied into the program. He also said Richard T. Gosser had expressed willingness to talk over plans for TU use of the UAW-CIO's diagnostic clinic now being completed on West Woodruff Ave.

### Long-Term Basis

Nolan Boggs, a TU director and chairman of the committee, urged that the levy for operation of the medical school be put on a long-term basis, preferably 20 years.

Mr. Knowles was instructed to meet with Dr. Joseph E. Duty, superintendent of Toledo State Hospital, to get his opinion about a tie-in with the institution in the over-all health center plan.

During the discussion it was brought out that the northwestern part of Ohio is the only large section of the state without a medical school. Medical schools are at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

State University, Columbus, and University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Knowles said Toledo was one of the few, if not the only, city in the United States of comparable size without a medical school. He said these facts would be brought to the attention of Governor Lausche and officials of the state welfare department in the hope of getting a state grant to construct the medical school building.

### Costs \$600,000 A Year

The TU president estimated that the total requirements of operating the medical school program at \$600,000 a year to start, exclusive of tuitions. When the full enrollment of 200 students is reached, the operating costs would approach \$1,000,000 annually, it was estimated.

If the proposed health center plan is approved, the staffing of Maumee Valley Hospital, and perhaps others in the program, would be handled by TU. Such a combination of facilities already in operation would make setting up of the medical school considerably less expensive than if they were not available at the outset.

Committee members were of the opinion there would be no legal obstacles to transferring the facilities to the health center since the City now operates Contagious Disease Hospital and the County runs Maumee Valley and Roche Hospitals and the County Home for the Aged.

### Doctors' Support Urged

Mr. Boggs and Dr. John I. Stifel, another committee member, suggested that the plan for the school and medical center be outlined in full to the Toledo and Lucas County Academy of Medicine in an effort to get full support of the medical profession.

There is a possibility that a dental school might be established in connection with the program in event such a step were found to be feasible, Mr. Boggs said. It was pointed out that a dental school requires, essentially, the same facilities