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It doesn't seem possible that the Medical College is finally open.

(Standard Opening)

It's been such a very long haul between dream and reality that opening day for our new medical school--and its dedication this Sunday--seem difficult to grasp as now really upon us.

One can look back on literally years of wishing and wondering...then preliminary studies...then the fierce competition among major Ohio cities for the honor of producing the state's next medical education center.

At times the political in-fighting got fairly rugged...especially after the subject of taxes came up amid speculation the school might be won or lost depending on whether Lucas Countians were willing to foot part of the bill.

Fortunately, after County voters balked at partially financing a State facility, the Governor stepped in to vow it would be built anyhow...and in Toledo...where exhaustive research proved it belonged.

(Film) Then came the tortuous task of scouring the nation for an administration and teaching staff...of seemingly endless conferences with architects...and with each meeting of the trustees spawning a new mountain of details that had to be assimilated.

It's been an awesome challenge. And although the first class is in temporary accommodations, the vital fact is the students are assembled, with instruction underway originally as scheduled.

It's a momentous occasion...one of the proudest in Northwest Ohio's history. To Chairman Paul Block and the trustees, President Glidden Brooks and the many, many others who've contributed toward making it all happen, WSPD extends congratulations and best wishes for the exciting and even more challenging years which lie ahead.

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