

Financial Facts Snarl Drive For Medical School

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3 Possible Paths Explored At TU But Doubt Is Cast

The move to establish a medical school at the University of Toledo was virtually halted last night as its sponsors were confronted with the harsh financial facts.

Members of a special subcommittee of City Council's Committee of the Whole and administration officials could offer little encouragement to Asa S. Knowles, TU president, and the university board of directors.

Three possible paths toward establishment of a medical school in Toledo seem to be open:

1—Seek amendment by the State Legislature of present constitutional and statutory limitations on levies to support municipal universities, then seek a referendum on passage of a possible 1-mill levy for a 10-year period to operate the school.

2—Seek a City Charter provision, which also would have to be by referendum, guaranteeing annual city appropriations equal to a 1-mill levy for the school.

3—Seek state aid for operation of a TU medical school, or establishment of a medical school here which would be a branch of Ohio State University or Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Knowles and Nolan Boggs, TU director, noted that the first course would not guarantee any permanency of operating income, and, besides, TU is going to require that measure to finance an expansion of its present program to take care of expected higher enrollment beginning in about 5 years.

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The second choice was suggested by Councilman Jerome Jesionowski and failed to receive any great support, Vice Mayor Ned Skeldon observing that the school, which would serve 20 northwestern Ohio counties, would be supported by the residents of Toledo and possibly Lucas County.

All present agreed there seems little likelihood of any such largesse from the Legislature as suggested in the third course.

Dr. Edward J. McCormick, former president of the American Medical Association, said the three medical schools in Ohio and the University of Michigan at nearby Ann Arbor already serve this area fairly well. Further, he added, college graduates with B averages, and even 15 per cent of the C students, now are being accepted by medical schools, which only three years ago would look at no one without straight As.

Insists On High Standards

The Toledo medical profession, Dr. McCormick said, would like to see a medical school in Toledo, but only if it were a first-class school with a guaranteed income of one million dollars a year for 100 or 200 years.

Mr. Knowles, Mr. Boggs and Walter A. Eversman, another TU director, and Councilmen Jesionowski, Michael J. Damas and William K. Gernhauser agreed in principle that the electorate should have an opportunity to tax itself to support the school if it desired a school here.