

# Campus Groups Push Building Fund

The drive to raise additional funds for the new Youngstown College Library got under way today. The campaign is being carried on at the College by various campus organizations and is being conducted throughout the Youngstown District by the Association of the Friends of Youngstown College Library.

Alpha Pi Epsilon and Alpha Phi Omega, service organizations, will be in charge of the College-wide drive which will feature a room-to-room canvass in behalf of the Library fund by members of the Speech Dept. In addition, the Art dept. will supply posters for the drive. The Friends association is headed by William F. Magg, Jr., and includes many prominent businessmen from the Youngstown area.

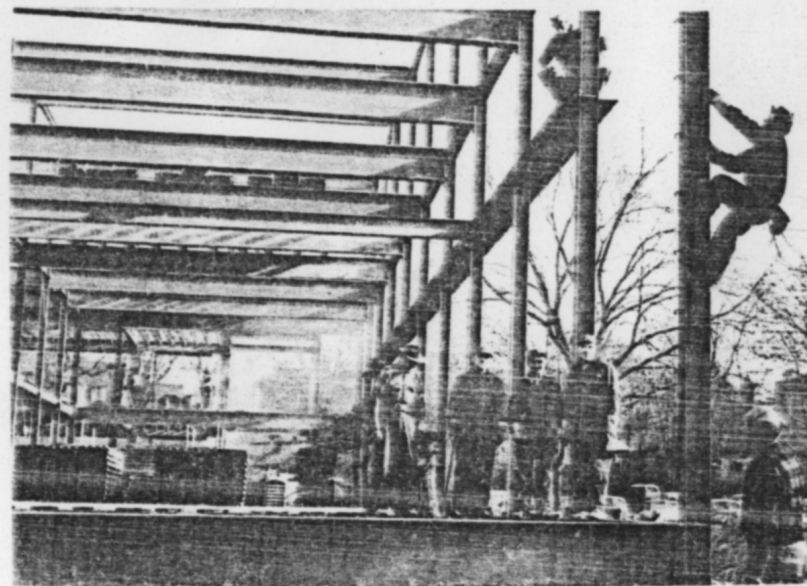
Construction of the new, three-story, million dollar library building for Youngstown College is well under way, and it is expected to be completed within the next twelve months, Dr. Howard W. Jones, president of Youngstown College, has announced. The building with furnishings will cost something over a million dollars, Dr. Jones said. The site is the North-west corner of the campus at Bryson and Spring Sts.

Architects Kling and Fost had the contract for the designing of the new building and Charles Shurtz and Sons are general contractors.

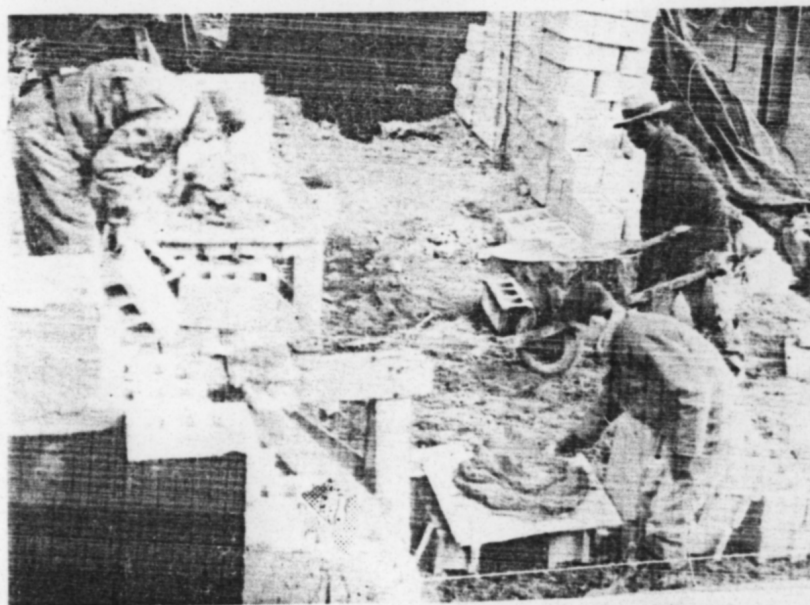
Today's first contribution to the Library Drive was a check for \$113, donated by three Yoco students.

The students, Harry Altman, Jean Vargo, and Andy Vargo, raised the money last year by conducting a scrap paper drive. In odd hours, and on weekends, they collected, bundled, and sold enough paper to raise the money.

Money for the building has been given by local industry and business with some individual gifts, Dr. Jones, said. The chief contributions have come from Youngstown, Salem, Warren, Niles, Sharon, Hubbard, and Girard. Students, faculty, and staff members of Youngstown College have given approximately \$27,000 toward the building fund.



Some of the Structural Iron workers setting in place the final sections of the steel framework of the library. Construction has been moving along as rapidly as possible.



Bricklayers begin laying the concrete block foundation of the Library. President Jones expects the million-dollar building to be completed early next year.

## Made Studies

Prior to the final designing of the building, James W. Pirie, director of libraries of Youngstown College, and the architects worked together for several months, made extensive studies, questioned faculty members and students, and finally submitted their plans to Keyes D. Metcalf, director of libraries at Harvard University, for perusal and recommendations. Metcalf is a former Ohio man and familiar with Youngstown and vicinity.

A brick structure with white limestone trim, the new library building will consist of three stories and full basement, with the main entrance facing the campus. Modular in construction to allow for rearranging within the building as changing needs arise. It will have a total capacity of 260,000 volumes.

The architecture will be modern and the interior of the building has been planned with an eye to efficiency as well as to beauty. There will be a minimum of wall space, book stacks will be completely open, the lighting will be recessed fluorescent, and the building will have a forced ventilation system with air cleaning facilities. Nine classrooms will be on the three floors at the North end of the building.

## Rooms Large

The library portion of the building will accommodate about 600 people. There will be three large reading rooms, two on the first floor and one on the second plus a medium-sized reading-smoking room on the third floor which will accommodate about 85 people.

A visual education or forum room on the third floor with facilities for showing films and playing records will accommodate 135 people. The third floor will also include a faculty lounge and a women's lounge.

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The second floor will house 13 faculty offices, and a microfilm and micro-card reading room will be located on the first floor.

## Purchased In 1949

The site for the new library, with a frontage of approximately 160 feet on Spring St. and 300 feet on Bryson St., was purchased by the College in October, 1949.

“College officials are looking forward to the new library,” Dr. Jones said, “and will appreciate the modern and spacious facilities because of the crowded conditions under which they have worked over the past years when the library has been housed on the fourth floor of the main college building.

The new building will be completed in time to take care of students who are enrolled in the new library courses offered for the first time at Youngstown College last fall, and who will need the modern facilities made available by the new library when they are ready for the advanced work.