

Phys. Ed. Building Awaits Land

Only approval from Washington for the acquisition of Urban Renewal lands stands between Youngstown State University and its newly-planned 3.5 million dollar Physical Education building. The land in question is situated west of Elm Street School, facing south across Spring Street. Approval is expected daily.

The proposed structure was designed by the architectural firms of C. Robert Buchanan and Associates, and George Tanner Smith and Associates. The building will be a steel frame structure faced with brick and precast concrete.

From the main campus, students will enter the building from an elevated plaza into a soaring glass enclosed lobby with free-standing stairs which lead to a second floor gallery. A similar lobby will be located on the north side of the building where there will be ample parking provided under Phase III of the Urban Renewal program.

The most striking feature of the building will be the large overhanging roofs, shielding clerestory windows which will give glare-free day-

light to the major spaces. From the inside, and at night with light streaming out through these windows, the roof will seem to float above the main mass of the building.

The main gymnasium floor will be 200 feet long by 120 feet wide and will accommodate three full-size basketball courts. To either side and a floor above will be two decks—each 50 feet wide, providing additional instructional space.

The main floor with the decks will have facilities for volleyball, golf instruction, free exercise, badminton and archery, as well as being able to accommodate six simultaneous basketball games.

For intercollegiate basketball, sports exhibitions, concerts, lectures and commencement activities, nearly 6,000 seats will be provided on

bleachers which will recess into the wall when not in use.

The locker rooms will accommodate 3,000 men in physical education classes and 400 men majoring in physical education. Locker space for 400 women will be adjacent to the swimming pool.

To the west of the main gymnasium along Spring Street, will be an olympic size swimming pool, 165 feet long by 75 feet wide. Instruction will be provided in swimming, lifesaving, first-aid, water polo canoeing, and water skiing. Five diving boards up to ten meters high will provide diving instruction. There will be 800 seats for spectators at swimming races and diving exhibitions.

To the north of the pool area will be an outdoor sun court for both instruction and recreation on warm days. The building will contain 17 classrooms, including laboratories for health research and kinesiology.

Separate gymnasiums will be provided for wrestling, weight lifting, gymnastics, and physical education of the handicapped. Other facilities include six handball and squash courts, a rifle range, and offices for the physical education and athletic departments.