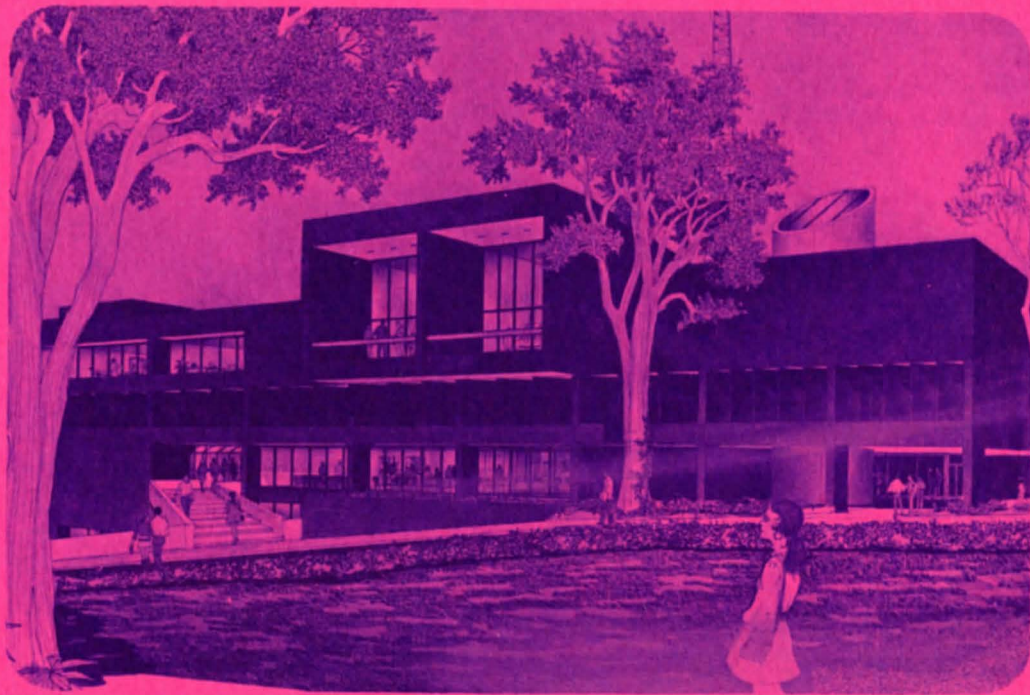


Bliss Hall

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Construction of Bliss Hall will help to finally consolidate the fine arts disciplines at Youngstown State University.

First phase of the \$6.3 million project will be construction of a four-story, 122,000 square foot structure to be divided among those departments which share a concern for creativity and performance — music, art, and speech and drama.

The building will be constructed on the present site of Ford Hall (a gift to the University in 1951 from the late Judge John Ford and his family) on the southeast corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street.

Prime features of the new building, which will be named in memory of the late W.E. Bliss, a prominent area industrialist, are a 412-seat theatre, an art exhibition gallery, and a 233-seat recital hall. The building will be constructed of reinforced concrete with a faced brick exterior.

The Dana School of Music, which is currently housed at five separate campus locations, will occupy the largest area in the structure — approximately 32,760 square feet. It will contain seven offices (including those for the dean, assistant dean and faculty), instructional laboratories, studio-offices, and practice rooms.

The art department, which is now housed in Rayen Hall and Clingan-Waddell Hall, will

occupy some 26,585 square feet with offices, gallery space, and instructional laboratories.

The department of speech and dramatics will occupy some 16,570 square feet for offices and instructional laboratories. The theatre will be the future scene of Youngstown State University's highly acclaimed Spotlight Theatre productions.

Phase II of the project will include general classrooms, additional laboratories, additional service space for the theatre, and a large auditorium.

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