

University Seeks Aid From State

House, Senate Will Consider Money Proposals

Bills are pending in both Houses of the 105th Ohio General Assembly aimed at giving financial assistance to the University.

Early this week State Representatives Thomas J. Barrett and George G. Tablack had proposed an outright state grant of \$800,000 to the University. This was followed later in the week by a move in the Senate, initiated by Senators James Grose and Tom Carney, calling for an allocation of \$1,470,000.

Veteran Ohio political reporters noted that the legislature is "not always receptive to such grants," and that chances for passage of either bill in its original form "will be difficult."

The Barrett-Tablack bill was in the form of an amendment to an existing bill calling for funds for other Ohio municipal colleges. Colleges included in this bill are Akron, Toledo and Cincinnati.

The Senate bill calling for almost \$1½ million was figured on the basis of \$300 for each full-time student, Sen. Carney said this week.

Although the University does not qualify for state tax aid because it is a private institution, it does qualify for outright grant

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because the school is not church-related.

President Howard W. Jones noted that several years ago a bill was introduced in the legislature calling for \$1 million annually to municipal universities. The bill was not approved by the legislature.

Dr. Jones said that "although the University is a private institution, it acts as a municipal university in providing educational services for the entire Youngstown area."

If either of the grants are authorized, Dr. Jones said, the money will be applied to the \$18 million redevelopment program currently on the drawing boards.