

Rhodes Visits Youngstown

Wants To Make YU State University

Governor James A. Rhodes asked this week that the Youngstown University Board of Trustees consider plans to make YU into a state university. Mr. Rhodes' remarks came at the groundbreaking for YU's new engineering building.

The Governor stated that, with state funds, the University could grow to a school of 25,000, a figure he labeled as President Jones, dream. The suggestion brought a round of applause from the crowd of 1,000 students on hand for the ceremony.

Conspicuously absent from the governor's remarks was any mention of the relationship between YU and the proposed community college.

The governor pointed out that the new building is only a small part of what can be done with state assistance towards making YU one of the better institutions in the country. Later, in comments to newsmen, he revealed that he hopes to have a state university or a branch within 30 miles of every college age student in the state.

Also speaking on the program was John D. Millet, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, and Mayor Anthony B. Flask. President Jones introduced the speakers.

Mr. Millet noted that the funds for the new engineering building represented the first state money spent for higher education in Mahoning County. Mr. Flask encouraged the University to continue its growth and commended it for past achievements.

(At a trustees meeting late Tuesday President Jones indicated that the state bid would not be accepted.)

State officials included John Marshall Briley, chairman of the Ohio Board of Regents; Charles J. Carney and Thomas P. Gilmartin, state senators; George D. Tablack, state representative; and Richard L. Krabach, state director of finance.

City officials present included Joseph E. O'Neill, president of City Council; Council members John S. Franken, James A. Pastore, Cory Dama, Jack C. Hunter, John V. McCarthy and John A. Knapp; Anthony Ma, city planning director; David M. Hill, urban redevelopment director, and Harry Meshel, administrative assistant to the mayor.

Released classes brought out a large number of students and faculty to witness the event. The ceremony took place at the foot of Bryson Street.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were completed when Dr. Jones and Gov. Rhodes turned the first shovelfuls of earth.

The University Concert Band, directed by Prof. Donald Byo, played the Star Spangled Banner and the colors were presented

by an ROTC detachment composed of Cadet Pvt. Keith Russell, Cadet M/Sgt. David Seery, Cadet S/Sgt. Ronald Wertz, and Cadet Pvt. Kevin Patterson.

Circle K presented the governor with a silver plated shovel for the occasion, and were also responsible for decorating the platform and ushering for the event.

The five-million-dollar science and engineering building is to be built with state funds and leased back to the University for 50 years with an option for an additional 50 years.

Later on that afternoon the actual construction began as trucks carried away dirt which was being excavated for the foundation of the multi-storied structure.