

Community College Resolution Passed

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution establishing a Technical and Community College to be a division of Youngstown State University at their monthly meeting on Wednesday.

The Community College Facilities, which will be located directly west of the new Engineering Science Building, will be built at a cost of five million dollars.

The money for the building will be a part of a Bond Issue on the ballot in May, presuming the Ohio State Legislature votes to include it.

The concept of a Community College as a part of the University has been under study for more than a

year. The studies point to a two year technical education need in the Youngstown Area.

Dean of the University, William H. Coffield, stated that there are already some two-year programs in the University. He cited the Associate of Arts Degree, Nursing, Secretarial, and Police Science courses as falling into this category.

Possible inclusions in the Community College program would be Electrical, Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology, Metallurgical Technology, Surveying and Drafting.

The faculty of the Community College will be composed of regular University faculty. The college will be headed by an administrator with the status of Dean. The appointment will be announced at a later date.

Similar programs are already in use at two Ohio schools: Toledo and Akron. The most successful of these programs are at Oklahoma State University and the University of Houston.

For those students who obtain a degree at the Community College it will be possible to continue on for a B.A. Degree in their field with most of their credit hours being transferable.

Dean Coffield stated that this
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should in no way be interpreted that the Community College is for capable students who aren't sure they can do the work of a four year institution. "Some students only need or desire a two year program," stated the Dean. He went on to say that "Two year should not in any way connote less capable."