

COMMUNITY COLLEGE GETTING NEW BUILDING

The faculty and staff of Wayne Community College and the friends of the college are excited now that the prospect of the long awaited new classroom building has finally become a reality.

Over the past year the college has reserved \$33,000 as the local required share of a \$352,000-classroom building. "All but the \$33,000, raised in the county, is from a federal grant made available to WCC by virtue of adding a college transfer program," stated Clyde A. Erwin, Jr., the college's president. He went on to say that "We are looking forward to September occupancy. Bids will be let in April."

"According to some of the findings, however, it appears that even with the new building, the amount of floor space per student will be approximately 60 percent of that recommended by the state," said Walter Brown, dean of the faculty.

Much of the president's time, along with the members of his administrative staff, during the past year has been spent in following the progress of some of the grants for which the new college has applied. In addition to the new classroom building, there is the prospect of getting the planned annex to the existing vocational building. A matching portion of \$40,000 from local sources will bring to Wayne County \$160,000 for a \$200,000 addition to the modern vocational building. Housed in the existing portion of the vocational building is part of the Power Mechanics Division Auto-Diesel Mechanics, Mechanical Drafting and Design, part of the Business Department and part of the new Aviation Maintenance Technology program just inaugurated this year.

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MOST WCC GRADUATES PASS STATE BOARDS

The Nursing Department at Wayne Community College is especially proud of their graduates (and since 1957 they number 281). At the end of their training, the Practical Nursing students must be licensed by passing the State Board Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses.

Of the 281 to complete training at WCC, 279 have passed the state board examination. Usually, the local college's graduates rank in the upper portion of those tested. This year all of the graduates passed with high scores and one graduate made the highest marks in the state.

The department has also graduated 112 girls in Nurses Aid and 24 in Home Health Aid. In September of 1970, the College will begin a new program to train two-year Registered Nurses and grant to them the Associated of Applied Science Degree. These graduates will be qualified for nursing and carrying out other therapeutic measures with a high degree of skill. They will participate in the day planning of patient care.

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* The two new structures combined
* will mean an additional 30,500 (17,500
* plus 13,000) square feet of classroom,
* laboratory and shop space for vocational,
* technical, adult education, and
* college transfer courses. The larger
* of the two new buildings has an additional
* quality, at long last the college is planning
* to include a degree of aesthetic
* appreciation in the design. This has
* always been considered but shortage of
* funds dictated that appearance and design
* had to be sacrificed for functional
* utilization.

* In the current building schedule, the
* primary effort is to expand and improve
* the vocational and technical programs. This
* is in keeping with the tradition of the
* college as a center that is some kind of
* program for everyone.

* Mr. Erwin went on to say, "WCC is
* very fortunate to be the child of such
* excellent support of outstanding Wayne
* County parents of institution." President
* Erwin expressed pleasure at having an institution
* where the demands made upon it exceed budget
* limitations. "Our number one obstacle is not
* having enough money to do all the things for
* all the people just the way we would like to
* do them," he said. "But, don't we all have
* that problem?"

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