

WPCC may seek continuing education building

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The president of Western Piedmont Community College would like to see a new building on campus to be used strictly for continuing education.

Dr. Jim Richardson told the Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting on Monday that such a building would be a great help to the college and the community.

"We get requests all the time from groups who want to have training classes and course here,"

said Richardson. Some of these requesting groups have been as large as 800 people.

The college, however, can only handle such groups in between quarters when the students are not in session. When the college goes to a semester system in 1997, such gaps will be decrease even further.

Therefore, Richardson told the board that he would like to see the college try and use the state school bond referendum coming in November as a way of financing such a building. The cost is estimated to be between \$5 million and \$6 million and is part of the college's

long-range plan.

If the referendum is approved by the voters, Richardson would like to see the college make a plan to try to use the matching state school bonds to fund the building.

Richardson said it would give groups a place to have their meetings, workshops and classes year round. It could also be a big money-maker for the school.

He added a day-care site could be set up in a wing of the proposed continuing education building. Day-care is becoming more of a necessity now in order to draw in parents who might want to take classes but

have no place to put their children, he said.

In other business, the board decided to table a proposal to sell a small piece of land to an adjoining land owner.

Howard Morgan would like to buy a small strip of land from the college just off Highway 64 in order to place a bigger buffer between him and the road.

The board was not sure, however, if it has the authority to sell the land and decided to hold off until more information can be found about the matter.