

I. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Higher-education needs in Corpus Christi and its environs are not being sufficiently met today. Baccalaureate and masters level degree programs are needed as soon as practicable. These programs must be of high quality and available to the people of the Corpus Christi area at low cost. The only feasible method of achieving these goals of educational excellence at relatively low cost to the student is through a state-supported institution.
2. This study confirms the recommendation of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to establish an upper-level college in Corpus Christi.
3. Because of the urgent need for new facilities of higher education in the Corpus Christi Region, it is better to plan for opening the new upper-level college in the fall of 1973 instead of 1974 as recommended by the Coordinating Board.
4. At the time of opening in 1973, there will be at least 50 percent more applicants than space available. Of the 42,000 who will be of college-eligible age in the 12-county Coastal Bend Region, 30 percent, or about 13,000, will actually desire to go to college. Of these, about 1,600 will (a) be entering the junior year and (b) will want to enter the new upper-level college in Corpus Christi.
5. The total cost of the new upper-level college is estimated to be \$47.8 million, the expenditure being spread out over the next 10 years. Of this, \$31.6 million will come from legislative appropriation, and \$16.2 will come from local and private sources for such items as the site of the college, dormitory construction, eating facilities, the student union and the campus book store.