

Land donation offered for a branch college campus

CLERMONT — A south Lake branch campus of Lake-Sumter Community College moved one step closer to reality Wednesday night with the offer of a 40-acre site in Clermont.

Orlando businessman Maury L. Carter has agreed to donate to the college the land on Hancock Road and State Road 50, east of U.S. Highway 27. Carter also has offered an adjacent 10-acre parcel to the South Lake YMCA.

The location of the campus would draw students from the existing south Lake population.

"They'll be able to draw people from Winter Garden, west Orange and the northern part of Polk County," said Larry Lennox, president of the South Lake Development Council.

Actual construction most likely won't begin before 1995, Westrick said.