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LOCAL COLLEGE HOPE DASHED

State Group Favors Site Out of Area

A long campaign to establish a four-year state college somewhere in the Torrance-Southwest area to serve this big and growing area appeared doomed to failure Friday when the site selection committee of the California Board of State College Trustees went on record as favoring the Fox Hills Country Club near Culver City as the site for a new college authorized two years ago by the State Legislature.

Recommendation of the committee—formally known as the campus planning, building, and grounds committee—did not ask for immediate approval of the Fox Hills site, but recommended it subject to a series of conditions to be satisfied.

FINAL decision on the site thus was postponed another 60 days until the May meeting of the board scheduled at Humboldt State College. The board has scheduled no meeting in April.

The recommendation evoked a howl of protests from Torrance representatives at the Sacramento meeting Friday, and brought sharp comments from Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel and Clayton M. Dills. "If they put the college on the Fox Hills site, I propose we call it the Howard Ahmanson Memorial College," Chapel said.

HE WAS referring to the offer of Howard Ahmanson, head of Home Savings and Loan Assn. and owner of the Fox Hills property. In a letter to the college board, Ahmanson offered 100 acres of the property within the state's \$5 million allocation. Balance of the property—which has been the subject of a controversial zoning dispute during the past year—would be developed privately.

Both Chapel and Dills indicated they would push for new legislation to establish a college in the Torrance-South Bay area should the state go ahead with the college on the Fox Hills site.

MAYOR ALBERT Isen, appearing before the group in Sacramento, charged the committee had set up double standards for the selection. "They need 320 acres in Tor-

rance but only 100 acres in Fox Hills," he said. He charged misrepresentation on last November's state bond issue in which local voters thought they were helping establish a college to serve the area.

Charles Luckman, chairman of the site selection committee, said the committee had ordered determination of the conditions to the Fox Hills site, and at the same time, had ordered soil tests on the Palos Verdes site as a second choice for the college.

THE CONDITIONS attached to the Fox Hills recommendation included:

1. Cost of the land.
2. Plans to develop surrounding areas in a college city concept.
3. Provisions for student, faculty, and administrative housing, parking, recreation, and college-connected functions.
4. Provision for other college-connected facilities such as bookstore, student union, clubrooms, faculty club, and a college or community center.
5. Trustee approval of the land use plan for the surrounding area.
6. Availability of all utilities.
7. Provision for all needed ingress and egress routes and a study of site in relation to the proposed Marina Freeway.

MRS. KENNETH E. WATTS, vice chairman of the city's college committee, said the 60-day delay gave the city a chance to offer new proposals. A new offer of a college site was submitted to the committee in Sacramento by the Utah Construction and Mining Co. in a telegram signed by F. M. Keller.

Keller's offer was for 125 acres in El Segundo east of the Standard Oil refinery, and included the site and buildings which would be leased to the state for the college on a long term lease.

Everything Came Up Green This Morning

No, we're not rushing St. Patrick's Day.

Today's edition inaugurates the new HERALD green which will mark this and future issues of the 49-year-old Torrance HERALD.

Adoption of the pleasing green stock for the HERALD was prompted by the realization that sharper picture reproduction and easier reading would result for the large and growing family of HERALD readers.

Something new has been added to the nameplate atop the page, too.

The HERALD's signature logotype has been converted to what is known as a "reverse cut" in which the type is etched into the surface of a plate.

We think you'll like the change—one of the steps taken to keep the HERALD foremost in the Greater Torrance area, a position it has held throughout its nearly half a century of service to the community.

OFFICIAL SAYS

Approval by Major Firm Clears Way

Approval of a proposed assessment district to provide off-street parking facilities in Downtown Torrance was virtually assured this week with the indication that a major firm had agreed to sign the petition, according to City Manager Wade Peebles. Notice by Ross M. Wood, property manager of the Home Savings & Loan Assn., that the firm's executive staff had approved payment of \$3,718 as their share of the district clears one of the final hurdles in the formation of the district, it was indicated.

ACCORDING TO a report prepared by Peebles for the City Council, the agreement by Home Savings & Loan should assure the success of the petition.

Plans approved by the City Council and agreed to earlier by other property owners in the Downtown Torrance area call for private financing of the

parking facilities. At the same time, the city has allocated \$100,000 for improvements to public property in the area, including in the program the widening of several streets and other work.

The report is scheduled to go before the City Council at its 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

AMONG OTHER matters scheduled to come before the City Council Tuesday is an ordinance setting up the payment schedule in the Walteria Lake area for the drainage improvement fund, a recommendation from the Airport Commission that a stiff policy be adopted relative to construction limits in the airport flight pattern, and a recommendation that the city support Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel's bill redefining pornography as a measure to stiffen laws on the subject.

The councilmen also are scheduled to consider again the final adoption of an ordinance banning oil drilling and secondary recovery operations in the city. The ordinance was approved last month but final adoption has been delayed.

Airport Board Meets Thursday

Airport commissioners will hear a request Thursday to relocate telephone facilities which interfere with a new business facing along Pacific Coast Highway at the airport.

Pacific Telephone Co. will be asked to relocate facilities which interfere with the Ray Vane Automobile Agency.

To Lecture at HC

Miss Jari Havlena, artist, lecturer, and teacher will discuss "The Why of Contemporary Art," as part of the Harbor College forum series Thursday at 8 p.m. in the main gymnasium of the college. Tickets may be purchased at the box office for 50 cents.



HOSPITAL BOUND . . . Albert Frank Allegra, 66, a retired barber from San Pedro, is lifted onto a stretcher by ambulance attendants after his sedan was involved in a collision with a station wagon Thursday morning at Sepulveda Boulevard and 228th Street. Allegra suffered minor injuries. (Herald Photo)

City Beautiful Committee Announces Essay Contest

"What a Beautiful City Means to Me," is theme of an essay contest being sponsored by the Torrance Beautiful Commission for high school students.

March 15 is deadline for the essays which are being limited to 500 words. A large perpetual trophy will go to the school with the best over all essay. The winner in each of the city's four high schools will receive a personal trophy.

Judges are Robert L. Schultz of the El Camino College English department; John C. Schmidt, a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce board of directors; Edward Ferraro, assistant city manager; Mige Fujisawa, Southern California Gardeners Federa-

tion vice president, and Mrs. Roy J. Apsey, Torrance Beautiful Commission chairman.

THE TROPHIES are being donated by Marina Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Mrs. Apsey said it is hoped the awards can be presented early

Craft Center Opens Children's Classes

Children's classes at the Torrance Recreation Department arts and crafts center will begin preparation for their spring festival.

The class, which started Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., will make their own costumes for May Pole dances, as well as learning the intricate traditional patterns of dances.

The class is open to children 6-16 years. The fee for the 8-week class is \$2.00 which will cover the cost of making the costume.

Mrs. Erika Muhl, arts and crafts center director, a native of Austria, will teach these age-old dances to the group. To

enroll for the class, call the arts and crafts center, FR 5-9142.

THE ADULT craft studio at the center will offer lecture-demonstrations in creative ceramic technique (without the use of molds or green ware) during the month of March.

Lecture-demonstrations are given on Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m., and Thursday, 7-8 p.m.

Workshops are held Wednesday, 2:30-4 p.m., and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

For further information about the adult craft studio, call the arts and crafts center, FR 5-9142.

'War Babies' to Assume New Role, Cranston Says

The "war babies" of yesterday will assume a new and major role in California's economic fortunes during the next few years, State Controller Alan Cranston said here yesterday.

It was Cranston's first visit to Torrance since his re-election last November. Cranston, who spent last summer in Manhattan Beach with his family, established a new national vote-getting record in state elections. His total vote of 3,372,591, and his winning margin of 1,258,314, are both national all-time highs.

WHILE HERE, Cranston made these observations on the State's economic outlook:

"The children born in the baby boom of World War II and the immediate post-war years will be coming into their own as new family groups of earners, producers, and consumers over the next few years.

"Their impact on our society and economy will in large part determine the services government must provide, and the taxes government will have to collect."

CRANSTON briefly outlined the fiscal history of state government over the past 35 years, pointing out that the state has been hampered by a major depression and two wars in its efforts to provide essential services for a constantly growing population.

"Since the end of the Korean War we have been trying to meet the accumulated needs of past, present, and future generations with regard to schools, colleges, recreation, transportation, public health,

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about proposed legislation which would require seat belts in all new cars sold in California after 1964?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Charles L. Fisher, Jr., 5203 Carmen: "I feel this is an excellent idea. I was involved in an accident a few weeks ago. This will force people to do something they intend to do but put off."

Mrs. Kenneth Clark, 137 S. Broadway, Apt. 10, Redondo Beach: "I think it is a good thing and can certainly do no harm. I would not resent having to pay for seatbelts in a new car any more than I would having to pay a big doctor bill."

Mrs. Edgar Perry, Redondo Beach: "Of course, if you have children this is wonderful. You think about them even if it was required a lot of people wouldn't use them even if they had the belts."

Mrs. Raymond Russell, 5114 Carmen: "I think most people are like myself, they won't put out the money but if belts were required they would have them and not mind the cost when buying a new car."

Mrs. Fred Gervig, 4738 Daren St.: "We have them now and use them all of the time. I think the reason more people do not have them is the expense and this could be less painful if included in the purchase price of the car."

To Open Bids

Bids will be opened in Los Angeles April 11 for surfacing 2.6 miles of Pacific Coast Highway between Avenue 1 in Torrance and the north city limits of Redondo Beach. A total of \$90,000 in state highway funds is available for the project.

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