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What will happen 16 years from now if our college is built upon the Fox Hills Golf Course?

Where will the state get the extra land the college needs to grow? How much will that land cost 16 years from now?

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## School Vote

In this issue are "profiles" of those school board candidates who answered the questionnaire sent by the League of Women Voters.

Tonight, Wednesday, April 3, the League is holding a candidate's forum at South High Auditorium, at 8 p.m.

# CITY COUNCIL SPURNS SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

## California Master Plan for Education vs. Fox Hills Site

(Fifth of a series of letters to readers)

After much study and experience, a Master Plan for Education in California made certain recommendations to guide the establishment of our future state colleges.

In densely populated areas, the plan recommends that minimum enrollment be 5000, with an optimum of 10,000, and a maximum of 20,000.

The Master Plan Survey Team which studied the needs of the proposed college to serve our area recommended that our college be master-planned for a capacity of 20,000 students.

The survey team also assumed that the board of Trustees desired to acquire the necessary acreage to permit a growth to our college to 20,000.

The team predicted that our college could reach an enrollment potential of 19,900 in 1975, but recommended that the 1975 enrollment be held to 10,000.

That factor indicated that the plan called for a college to enroll between 5000 and 10,000 and which could be expanded to 20,000 later.

The team bore in mind the specifications that the Board of Trustees had set up for evaluating sites.

Briefly, the scale called for 200 acres for 5000 students; 250 acres for 10,000; 290 for 13,000, and 320 acres for an enrollment of 20,000.

For a 20,000-student college, such as the one planned for this area, the land use of the 320 acres was broken down as follows:

Building areas, 40 acres; parking areas, 96 acres; outdoor physical education, 75 acres; residence halls, 20 acres; and open landscaped areas, 89 acres.

After a hearing in Long Beach on November 8, 1962, on sites designed to fit those specifications, the Board of Trustees later opened consideration of a 100-acre site on the Fox Hills Golf Course.

After study of the Board of Trustees' action, Tom Coffee, chairman of the community development committee of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, in a progress report, said:

"This report does not cover the relative merits of the several locations, but is confined to a report on the shocking and almost unbelievable manner and attitude by which this selection is being made."

Coffee, in that progress report, gave these findings:

1. "According to Donald Muchmore, vice-chancellor of the Board of Trustees, negotiations are being conducted now for the purchase of approximately 100 acres of the 260 acres of Fox Hills Country Club."

2. "It would be apparent . . . that thorough studies of the several sites would have been made, and that recommendation would have been made on the basis of overall considerations. It is apparent that none of these procedures have been followed."

3. "Mr. Muchmore stated at a meeting attended by this writer (Tom Coffee) that the State Division of Architecture was not consulted on this matter (Fox Hills), although they have selected most of the state college sites in the past."

4. "Mr. Muchmore stated that the state division was not used because they did not have experience with the high rise 'college city concept.' When asked to explain the 'college city concept' he explained only that 'this must yet be worked out.'"

Coffee's report, conducted from the objective and neutral vantage point of Westchester, makes the significant point that the site specifications devised through the painful and costly lessons of the past are being abandoned for an experiment.

It would be an entirely different matter if this experiment was being forced upon the board by a complete lack of available open land in the area the college is intended to serve. However, that is not the case. There is land enough in the proposed Torrance site (at less cost than any other site being considered) to provide for the orderly growth of the college to its intended maximum and a plan for the gradual acquisition probably could be worked out with its owners.

Such a gradual acquisition, beginning with a site of, say, 100 acres probably would be more agreeable to those owners than the condemnation and purchase of the entire 320 acres at this time.

To point up just one glaring weakness in the "college city concept" — let's take parking because, regardless of how close they live or whether the college is high-rise or low, the students and faculty will drive cars to school.

Under the original specifications, 96 acres of land were earmarked for students to park their cars.

Under the experimental "college city concept," the entire site is only four acres greater than that declared necessary for parking alone.

Today, after 16 years, Los Angeles State College is spending nearly \$2 million

for 42 parcels of land and to pay for access roadways to provide for the extra parking made necessary by the pressures of the college's growth to its present 17,750 students, which is 2250 less than the 20,000 maximum planned for our college.

Surely, in view of what is happening at Los Angeles State College, the following questions should be asked by all concerned:

How much will the extra land needed for parking cost five, ten, or sixteen years from now at the Fox Hills site?

Where can that land be found?

Because, once a high-rise college rises on those 100 acres at Fox Hills, it only will be a short time until the other 160 Fox Hills acres will be covered by high-rise buildings.

There will be no room at all for growth.

On the other hand, on the Torrance site, there is room for orderly, planned growth to accommodate a maximum of 20,000 students.

(Next: The Day the College Came to Torrance.)



BOYS AND GIRLS from nine elementary schools in the North Torrance area will form a band of 120 members and an orchestra of 150 the evening of April 5th at North High gymnasium, starting at 8 p.m. Young James Howard, shown above, a concert pianist, will be accompanied that night by a chamber orchestra of 35.

## 100-Acre Site At Fox Hills Bothers Gov.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown has expressed concern over the fact that a 100-acre site is being considered at Fox Hills Golf Course for the new four-year state college intended to serve this area.

The Governor was being questioned about the letter he received from Lieut. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson who challenged the wisdom of the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges proposed 'College City' plan.

The Governor said he hasn't had time to study the matter of the site for our college, but expressed confidence in the Board of Trustees.

The Governor is ex-officio chairman of the Board of Trustees and as such has a vote on the site selection.

His concern over the smallness of the site is encouraging. In this, he agrees with many who also have expressed concern over the lack of room for future growth on the 100-acre Fox Hills site.



VIRGINIA DOBRICK, of 2416 Cabrillo, Torrance, is one of 16 local teen-aged dancers appearing in the filmed version of the New York musical hit, "Bye, Bye, Birdie." She is a senior at Torrance High School. Virginia holds the "fan badge" of Birdie used in the film. (Story, Page A6)

## Sciarrotta, Miller Lead Attack Against Ordinance

City Council last night by a vote of 4 to 3 refused to permit an ordinance to be drawn up closing the barber shops of Torrance on Sunday as a health measure.

Councilman Ken Miller said the proposed ordinance was "unfair, if we legislate Sunday closing in one field, we should go to all fields."

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta Sr. said he believed in freedom of enterprise and such an ordinance would destroy it.

Councilman Sciarrotta, in noting that 95 percent of the barbers of Torrance had signed petitions asking for Sunday closing, said, "If 95 percent believe their shops should be closed, they can close them without passing the buck to the City Council."

According to an opinion drawn up by James M. Hall, the City Council only has the authority to legislate such closing as a health measure.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the request was motivated by economic reasons, not those of health.

He said the proposed ordinance was discriminatory because it would close barber shops and permit other businesses to remain open. "It is regimentation," said Sciarrotta, "and we have enough such laws."

Councilman Sciarrotta said that a survey he had conducted among 211 people showed that 112 believed that the barber shops should remain open, while 99 thought they should be closed.

In another survey, he said that 50 percent said they were against Sunday closing, 35 percent said they supported Sunday closing, and 15 percent were undecided.

Other 'no' votes in addition to those of Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta were Councilmen Nickolas O. Drale and George Vico.

Those voting to have the ordinance drawn up were Mayor Albert Isen, Councilmen J. A. Beasley and Victor Benstead.

## Letters

Editor: As one doubly interested in this year's Torrance School Board election, I should like to publicly register a note of protest.

I cannot escape the impression that something is not quite accurate in the political billboard advertisements of one of the incumbents.

To be more specific, the signs with which this gentleman has flooded the city read: "Re-elect Dr. Kurt Shery." Perhaps I am mistaken, but I seem to recall that Dr. Shery was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy. Therefore, the phrase "re-elect" might be more appropriate and less misleading.

If my recollection is correct, then the choice of words on these signs is most unfortunate, for they mislead the public by implying that the incumbent has been, in times past, the popular choice of the electorate. Sciarrotta, "and we have a fact which may not be true since (if my memory is accurate) the incumbent serves only because the popularly elected individual, Mr. Clinton Cooke, found it necessary to resign.

I cannot believe that a gentleman running for a position on the School Board, with the attendant responsibility for educating our youngsters to be good citizens, would intentionally stretch the truth in order to gain an advantageous implication.

On the other hand, I am surprised that a gentleman seeking a position of control in the business and policy of our school district is not able to control his own campaign slogans.

George W. Brewster  
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Editor's Note: Mr. Brewster is a candidate for election to the school board.

## Honors for Karolyn And Linda Lee, Too

Karolyn Roundtree and Linda Lee Reed of South High School both earned all As and Bs for the first semester of the 1962-1963 school year. Their names were omitted from the list of honor students recently published in The Press.

## Garth Belknap Heads Education Association

Torrance Education Assn. members have elected Garth Belknap, Torrance High School, president of the association for the 1963-64 school year.

## Inside the Press

Classified ..... C11-D4  
Entertainment ..... A9  
Food & Family ..... C3  
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SHELLEY LESSIN, 18, lives at 4806 Via El Sereno, and attends Long Beach State College. She is a graduate of South High School in the Class of 1962.



MARLANE NORSOPH, 18, who resides at 19323 Beckworth Ave., is a student at El Camino College. She is a graduate of North High School in the Class of 1962.



SHARON STILWELL, 19, of 24244 Los Cadoña Ave., goes to El Camino College. Sharon is a graduate of Narbonne High School, in Lomita, Class of 1961.