

Warrior Trails

By Robin Newcomer

Just how much opinion should a student body of 2,100 have on campus? And how should a group of students go about voicing their feelings?

Many of the things said about school problems have been short-sighted and are lacking careful thought behind them. Some statements, however, have been all too true and a peaceful solution is needed.

No administration policy can ever satisfy everyone concerned; just as the United States constitution does not satisfy everybody. Meeting students halfway on acceptable issues can never harm anyone. It can only make students feel a pride in their school because they are treated as maturing young adults.

THIS DOES not mean that students should riot because they do not get their way after the talks. Needless eruptions by the students body are objectionable not only because they disturb the learning atmosphere but also because students can destroy the very cause they are working to improve. Maturity is not walking around a school with a painted sign and responsibility is not sitting down on a sidewalk refusing to move.

Warriors have never exhibited immature actions for any particular issue. This year through student council talks various activities have been made or will make their debut. Next year West will have a homecoming instead of grid night, while the February Sweetheart's Ball was another first in the line of semi-formals.

IF THE students can be met halfway on a few activities, certainly going a little farther than a "no" answer on other issues important to Warriors will not hurt. Recognition for all seniors, more than just being excused first at assemblies, a responsible and independent newspaper staff, and more freedom to help make West the best, are not extravagant requests.

In a few months the gates will close on another year at West only to open two and a half months later. The class of 1968 will have left and no longer will be concerned with West's problems. But there will still be four classes waiting to graduate and perhaps through intelligent and reasonable recommendations, they will succeed in making a road out of the path that has just been started.

Trails End!

Gymnastics for Children Slated

Registration is now open for boys and girls 7 to 14 years of age who wish to participate in the Easter vacation gymnastics program Monday, April 8, through Thursday, April 11, sponsored by the City of Torrance Recreation Department.

Beginning and intermediate sessions will be hosted each of the four days at the West High Gym, 20401 Victor St. The beginners session is at 1 p.m., followed by two inter-

mediate sessions at 2:15 p.m. for boys and girls 7 to 10 years old and at 3:30 p.m. (10 to 14 years old).

To participate in the intermediate class, gymnasts must have previously participated in a summer or vacation gymnastic program. A fee of 50 cents covers the four classes.

With only limited openings available, early registration is advisable. Registration is being taken at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

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Vermont Avenue Work Scheduled

An allocation of \$3,000 has been approved for a highway improvement project on a section of Vermont Avenue south of 190th Street, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

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For too many years, land speculators and apartment builders have been running Torrance. Check the voting records of the incumbents and you'll see that these votes are consistently FOR the land speculators. The incumbent attitude at City Hall is "Homeowners' organization represent mob rule." (This sentiment was actually expressed by one of the councilmen relative to the problem of high rise in the Riviera section!) Developers easily obtain variances and zone changes that individual homeowners plead for in vain. Now is the time for change. I pledge to see that this discrimination against homeowners stops.

• NO JETS AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Our municipal airport should be kept as one of the best facilities in the country for the private light plane owner. The recent defeat of scheduled commuter jets at Van Nuys Airport will bring great pressure to bring that operation to Torrance. Homeowners must have strong representation on the City Council to keep this from happening.

• PROTECT OUR REMAINING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND.

I'm against any further rezoning of commercial and manufacturing land for houses and apartments. If Torrance becomes any more of a bedroom city, homeowners will pay an even greater disproportionate share of the tax load. As a business executive, I urge development of our remaining commercial and manufacturing lands to bring us additional scientific and technically oriented industries. We need their solid tax base to bear a portion of the ever growing burden on the individual homeowner.

• NO FURTHER FEDERAL URBAN RENEWAL IN TORRANCE.

They've already spent \$6,000,000 of taxpayers' money on a project for which we'll get a return of only \$3,000,000. This boondoggle has now cost every Torrance voter about \$100 over and above his regular tax bill. The next one could cost even more. Private enterprise can do the job better, more efficiently, at less cost.

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