

# City OKs Sunnyside Site For Community College

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The Board of Estimate yesterday gave official approval to a 35-acre site in Sunnyside as a permanent campus for Staten Island Community College and authorized immediate steps to vest title to it in the city.

Most of the site is undeveloped woodland, bounded on the north by the right of way of the Clove Lakes Expressway and on the west by the route of the proposed Richmond Parkway. However, there are five small parcels within the site which must still be acquired.

The board authorized the controller to begin proceedings to acquire the site and appropriated \$80,147 to cover the city's share of the cost. The state will pay an equal share of the value of the site, which has been appraised at \$160,295.

This is the campus on which a permanent college building will

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be erected and on which the college hopes to construct a \$1,000,000 stadium as a memorial to the island's war dead. The Staten Island War Memorial Association is cooperating with the college in this respect and would pay half the cost of the stadium.

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THE SITE of the college was originally slated for development as a park and was to be acquired along with the Clove Lakes Expwy. However, Park Commissioner Moses consented to Borough President Maniscalco's request that it be turned over to the college, and the site was removed from the proceeding in which the expressway route was acquired.

The Park Department has mapped a 41-acre tract bordering the college campus on the south for future acquisition and development. This map was approved yesterday by the board.

The park site, as laid out on the map, is bounded by Milford Dr., Witterman Pl., Ocean Terr., Todt Hill Rd., Verona Ave., and a line 1,000 feet east of Todt Hill Rd. Most of the park site is on the northerly slope of Todt Hill and, like the site of the campus, is presently wooded.

The new map showing this park also provides for storm and sanitary sewers, eliminates some mapped, but never opened, streets, and calls for the improvement of other streets. Approval of the final map is preliminary to future acquisition.

Staten Island Community Col-

lege is now occupying premises at 50 Bay St., St. George, but the lease expires in October of next year. The college now has an enrollment of 350 day students and 425 night students.

The new site, on which it hopes to erect a permanent college building, has a frontage of 2,500 feet on Staten Island Blvd., 2,783 feet on Milford Dr., and 1,025 feet on Ocean Terr.

### Telephone Official Heads State Agency

Keith S. McHugh of Manhattan, president of the New York Telephone Co., has been named by Gov. Rockefeller to head the state Department of Commerce.

In taking over the commissioner's post, McHugh will give up a \$150,000 salary with the telephone company to accept pay of \$18,500 a year.

Chosen to succeed McHugh as president of the phone company is Clifton W. Phalen of Plandome, N. Y., an executive vice-president of the parent organization, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. McHugh will retire April 30 to assume the state post.

### Abbreviate Hawaii?

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HONOLULU (AP) — Don't abbreviate Hawaii, says Postmaster George T. Hara.

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