

## NEW BILL SUPPORTED

# 5 Local Legislators Pull For Upper-Level College

AUSTIN. — The Nueces County delegation to the Legislature today was unanimous in its support of a new bill authorizing an upper-level college in Corpus Christi.

Sen. Ronald Bridges and Rep. L. DeWitt Hale introduced legislation that would provide for the state-supported university in Corpus Christi. Reps. Frances Tarlton Farenthold, Carlos Truan and Joe Salem, all from Corpus Christi, co-authored the House bill.

Bridges said upper-level colleges have proven successful in other states. "The fact that we already have an exceptional junior college (Del Mar) tends to support the creation of a separate institution of equal quality where studies may be continued in the area."

Hale called the college a "promising innovation in education. The senior college has unique advantages. It's more stable because it doesn't have the dropout rate that exists during the first two years of

college. It has a more serious atmosphere because it has older students who have settled down and it's easier to hire outstanding faculty members because they do not have

## Motorcyclist Is Killed

MISSION. — Ramon Ortiz, 21, of Mission was killed early this morning when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a barricade on U.S. Highway 83 Expressway about a mile east of the city.

Justice of the Peace J. M. Austin declared the youth dead at the scene shortly after the accident which took place about 12:30 a.m. Highway Patrolman Larry Remy investigated the accident.

Flores Funeral Home will announce funeral arrangements.

to teach large freshman or sophomore classes."

Mrs. Farenthold said that she feels Corpus Christi would be an ideal location for the university and added, "We are all agreed upon the necessity for the university. Our problem is to achieve our goal through the legislative process."

Truan said the need for the college is both obvious and necessary for continued growth and prosperity. "My concern and hope is that the money needed be appropriated by the Legislature. Also, we want to recognize the contributions that Texas A&I, Del Mar and the University of Corpus Christi can make to the success of this proposed institution."

Salem said, "There are only two degree-granting state supported colleges in South Texas and neither of them is located in South Texas' major city, Corpus Christi. I think we are long overdue for one."