

Foothill celebrates 21st year

By MARK JOHNSON

Note: Since this year is the Bidecadial Anniversary of Foothill College, let us travel back to that point in time 20 years ago when Foothill was housed in a condemned elementary school in Mountain View and check out what was happening there in mid-October in 1958, according to the SENTINEL for that week:

Foothill's first ASFC constitution was accepted by a vote of 162 to 23 and plans were made for the first student government election to take place, Nov. 7, 1958.

Foothill College finally selected the site of its new campus: 115 acres of land in the Los Altos Hills area bordering on El Monte and Stonebrook Avenues.

While some people in the area condemned the college for the location of the property, there were good reasons for the decision.

The school would have a picturesque site, and Junipero Serra Freeway would border the campus on the south.

Night classes at Foothill overwhelmed day classes, according

to Miss Carmalita Geraci, Registrar. The night enrollment consisted of 915 students while the day enrollment was only 668.

John Peseck, Traditions Committee Chairman, reported the results of the first poll on the traditional names suggestions on Oct. 7. The names that were

put up for the students to vote on were: Pacers, Owls, and Condors.

As a prelude to a full fall schedule at Foothill College, the social committee gave the second dance of the season entitled "The Rainbow Romp" at the Los Altos Social Center, Oct. 4. 200 students attended.

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DeHart defends "crisis" decision

By SALLY ANDERSON

"Crisis days following 13's passage caused a momentary suspension of De Anza's participatory decision-making tradition," said De Anza President Robert De Hart in a report to Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees Monday night Oct. 16. The report was a response to De Anza Student Body President Gwen Davis' Oct. 2 inquiry into the new \$1 per class Printed Materials Charge (PMI) at De Anza this fall.

Davis had asked why the fee plan hadn't been brought before the District Task Force, the Board or the De Anza student government board before its implementation. De Hart gave the "crisis" as reason for this lapse, and added, "I must admit that I could have handled the issue more sensitively but the Instructional Materials Fee for specific courses has been in existence for a long time and, in my judgement, the expansion of the scope to include 'consumable' printed materials was within my authority to approve."

Another point of Davis' inquiry concerned the student's not being informed about refunding policies. Davis said Monday that not only are students still unaware of their refund rights but "a dean over at Registration was not sure what was official policy in refunding."

Davis also asked why Foothill students do not pay the PMC. De Hart's report stated, "De Anza's instructional philosophy has always placed more emphasis on providing printed materials in class and has always had a much larger budget for them."

Foothill President James Fitzgerald added, "At Foothill each department pays for the printed materials it uses."

Board Chairman Franklin Johnson pointed out that students may pay for textbooks instead of receiving printed mat-

erials so the two schools may not be able to be treated uniformly.

Student board member Shirley Shepard questioned the discrepancy between the amount of a refund and the cost of the printed material; De Hart's report stated that the PMC would be refunded if "...the total number of materials provided in all the student's classes does not equal the total charge paid (at the rate of 10 cents per printed sheet or impression)." The report also gave the cost per impression as .0295 cents. DeHart said this difference represented a "handling charge."

The board members agreed that even though the report was an "INFORMATION" rather than an "ACTION" item on the agenda, some action should be taken in response to the inquiry.

Chancellor Thomas Fryer recommended that the plan be allowed to continue in effect through Winter Quarter since the PMC fees were already in De Anza's budget and to remove them would cause sudden cut-backs. Meanwhile a committee would examine the problem and make a recommendation before Spring Quarter.

Foothill's participation in this study was discussed.

The Board decided the immediate problem was De Anza's but that a Foothill representative might be present as an observer and that a second phase of the study should be district-wide to plan for the next academic year.

De Hart said that on the basis of casual conversation he felt the fee might eventually be tied to individual courses so that students would pay for what they get rather than paying a fee derived by "averaging."

Davis said she was not overjoyed by the result of her inquiry but that she "recognized this as the only possible answer at this time."

College Hour revamped

Foothill's twice weekly College Hour will be taking on a new look this year, according to ASFC Social Affairs Director Ande Kelly.

As in the past, College Hour will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will provide "an informative and entertaining hour outside the pressured classroom for student participation," Kelly said.

What will change this year is the variety of events scheduled during the hour. According to Kelly, activities suggested for this year include music and dance presentations, street theatre, film series, games, clubs' shows, gymnastics and speakers.

The wide range of tentatively planned activities represents a shift in emphasis to more informative presentations. Last year's College Hours consisted primarily of concerts.

Student suggestions on College events are welcomed, Kelly said.

The ASFC Activities Board is also in the process of scheduling this year's events. According to Chip Tarrice, Vice President of Student Activities, the Board seeks student representatives from various subject areas to present suggestions concerning campus interests.

Tarrice said students are also welcome to participate by attending the Activities Board meetings in C-31 on Tuesdays at 2 p.m..



Clamma Dale, the nationally known soprano who is best known for her portrayal of Bess in the Houston Grand Opera's "Porgy and Bess" on Broadway last season, gave a lecture-demonstration for Foothill music students Oct. 11. Here she chats afterward with a Foothill student.

ASFC Elections upcoming

Do you crave power and recognition? Why not run for office in the upcoming A.S.F.C. elections?

Elections will be held November 21st and 22nd. Anyone is eligible to run, as long as he or

she carries at least 8 units, and has a current Photo I.D. Card.

Among the offices available are: president, vice-president of administration, vice-president of activities, and senior senator.

Fashions featured

The OWL 'N PUSSY CAT, an apparel and accessories boutique is located on the upper floor of the Campus Center. Leading brands of men's and women's clothing are available at special discount prices.

Besides being a boutique featuring "Go Anywhere/Do Anything" fashions, the Owl 'N Pussy Cat is a lab for the Fashion Merchandising Career Program.

Instructor Bill Thompson supervises students who are responsible for the store operations. Students working as managers take on varied duties of a clothing sales establishment. Other students assume relative roles pertaining to fashion, such as modeling and display techniques.

This innovative idea offers Foothill students the opportunity to purchase "fashionable threads" at some of the lowest prices in the Bay Area. In addition sales are held twice a month that further reduce prices. Fashion shows are also scheduled for later this quarter to show off some of the latest purchases.



Student models latest fashion.

BSU is PBSA

Last year's Black Students' Union is this year's Progressive Black Students' Alliance.

According to PBSA Activity Director Christine Brown, although the name has changed, the group's functions and goals are still pretty much the same. "We needed to change our name so that it would represent the new, broader-minded, more progressive attitude our movement is taking," said Brown. "There was a time when black students didn't or couldn't speak freely, but now we're taking on a broader way of looking at and doing things... the minds of black students of this generation have become so much stronger."

The "new" organization with Felix Christie as Chairperson, Thomas Robinson as Co-chairperson, Gemell Cross as Recorder, and Brown as Activity Direc-

tor has already planned its first function of the year, a "Welcome to Foothill, Pre-Halloween Disco Dance and Fashion Show."

Brown, along with the rest of the PBSA, invited everyone to come dance and check out the latest fall fashions in the Foothill Campus Center right after the football game (around 9 p.m.) on Friday, Oct. 27 until 2 a.m..

Money that is raised from this year's PBSA functions will go toward sending Black students for summer study in West Africa where they will live and work with African families while learning about the native art and religion. Brown urged all students who are interested in helping the PBSA raise money for this trip to attend the first PBSA meeting which will take place Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in room S-23.

Campus brass visit Navy

Foothill's top administrators have just returned from a three-day tour of the U.S. Navy's educational facilities in San Diego.

James Fitzgerald; President, Harry Bradley; Dean of Stu-

dents, Irel Lowe; Associate Dean of Students, John Williamson, Student Activities Advisor, Reni Vukahara; Instructor for the Developmentally Disabled and Henry Ruelas; business instructor, spent the latter part of last week evaluating the educational and vocational opportunities the U.S. Government offers through the Navy.

The trip was "very worthwhile" according to President Fitzgerald who had put in some time with the U.S. Infantry in his younger days. "I felt I learned a great deal about the navy; I'm sure it (the service) is not for everybody. But for some people who feel they're going nowhere it is a way to get somewhere. It's a brutal way to grow up in nine weeks, but they do grow up and get a much better attitude about themselves."

"One thing that didn't appeal to me was the way the Navy trains people instead of educating them," said Fitzgerald.

Dean of Students Harry Bradley said he felt "by and large, the Navy's programs would not present a suitable challenge to the average college student, but that for someone fresh out of high school it could be a good learning and disciplining experience."

This trip, which offers high school and college administrators and teachers a chance to observe any of the Navy's 170 educational programs, is offered twice a year and is sponsored by the U. S. Government.

Two Foothill students succumb to cancer

Two Foothill College students, Paula Robbins, 31, and Harriet Betts, 19, died of cancer this week after long battles with their illnesses.

Mrs. Robbins, who lived in Mt. View with her husband, Forest, (also a Foothill student) was enrolled in Foothill classes through this past summer quarter.

She first enrolled at Foothill in 1973 and last spring was given a \$500 Ragghianti Scholarship for Disabled Students to continue her study.

Miss Betts, who lived in Palo

Alto with her parents, two brothers (former Foothill students), and sister, attended the College last year to pursue her interest in photography and commercial art.

When her illness increased this quarter, she enrolled in a music course which could be played at home on cassette tape.

She had developed cancer at age 14 and graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1976.

A memorial "celebration" is being planned by the Betts family for a future date to be announced.



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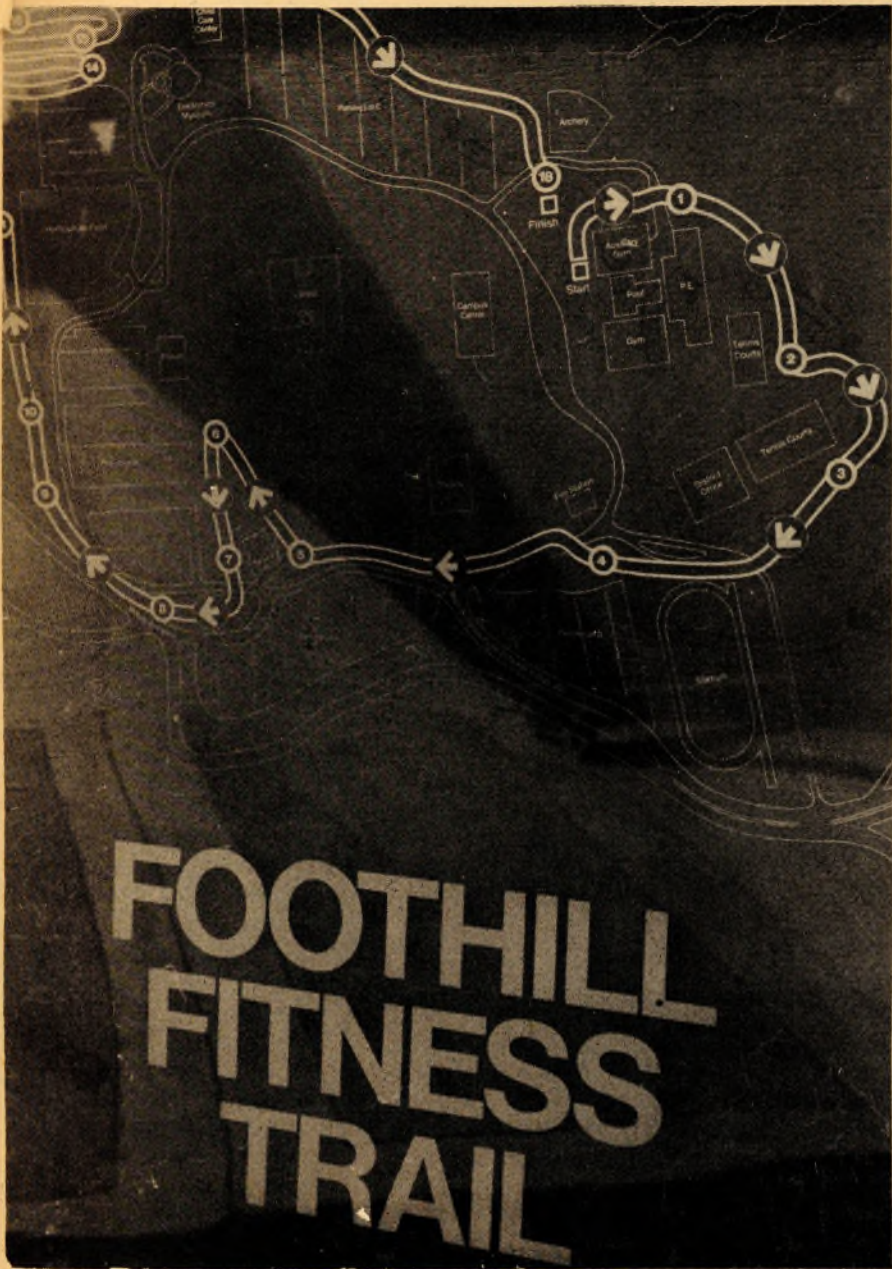
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The Par-course surrounding the Foothill Campus is open to students, as well as the general public, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are a variety of exercise stations with signs and diagrams on how to do the exercises properly and whether to jog or walk between stations.

An "easy to read" map is located outside the north-west corner of the auxillary gym. Three levels of difficulty included at all stations assure a healthy workout for the professional as well as the weekend athlete.

Fun and fitness at Foothill

By MICHAEL KEARNS



A variety of exercises peaks interest.



Students jog between exercise stations.

Nosing around

By DEWEY DELLINGER

Women's bathrooms! I don't have any idea what goes on in women's bathrooms. I was a janitor once, and I got to clean the "Ladies Room" regularly, but it was always just a sterile room with a couple of toilets, a few chairs, a couch, and a bunch of mirrors. Being a janitor is all part of your "basic life" education. I recommend it to you all; briefly.

Men's bathrooms! Now, men's bathrooms I know. Being a janitor helped out here, too. You never really realize what slob people are until you have to clean public restrooms. I have tried to think this thing through; I've experimented with it; but it has me baffled. I'll wait and see if SRI gets a grant contract on this field of research and apply as a consultant.

Men's bathrooms! Not sterile, no sirree! We get artwork! And statements of fact and fantasy. Who are all you people writing and sketching on the walls of the most private place? Come forward all you tortured souls!

Talented individuals too! Complete sentences, questions, answers, replies and further replies, debates, and of course, doodles. Ingenious, many! Tile the bathroom/write between the tiles! Or better yet, gouge it into the wall, they'll never get this off!

Are there really that many gays on this campus? Gay doodlers, gay slogan writers, gay phone number leavers! I came back on one o'clock, just like it said. I even waited until two. But nobody even said "Hi!" much less "Hi fella!" Maybe people who write on walls are all shy. Maybe that's it.

But what about those dear people who break the mirrors? Do they break the mirrors in the women's bathroom? Or pull out the toilet paper, and plunk it in the john; Real cute! What's wrong? Tell us, maybe we can help. But for Christ's sake, don't rip the door off the stall! What are you trying to do?

Ah, but somehow life wouldn't be the same without the public bathroom. Instant entertainment, shock, discomfort, and most importantly, equalization. I'm sure that the graffito artists and the story tellers and the fictitious phone numbers are with us for awhile. So, let's have a seat, and hope that this stall contains a smile.

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Letters...

An Open Letter:

Due to the policies of this institution in regards to the free use of commercial tobacco by employees within the Individual Study Center, thus poisoning all who attend the tape recorder/audio section which is adjacent to the two unventilated rooms where smoking takes place, and my refusal to be poisoned directly by fellow humans, I will be unable to fulfill my listening obligations required in Music 1.

When I questioned the "individuals who were poisoning the atmosphere of the area, the day I was fulfilling my required listening, one informed me that he didn't know of any administration policy, and another, supposedly in charge of the area, informed me that the two rooms were designated as the only place for him and his fellow workers to (indulge) smoke.

So here's to the "Tobacco Junkies" who work for and attend Foothill College. And here's to you Mr. Lowe and your associates for not taking a firm stand on this poisonous issue...the information supporting my contention is partially within the cement walls of your library. This is not the only room of study where students are being subjected to this poisoning either...I have raised this issue with you before!

Foothill College...institute of "higher learning?" What could possibly be more essential and basic than the common good for all life?! This school surely does not embrace such essential things, the evidence is in my face and lungs!

A copy of this letter will also be sent to Mr. Bryan, who instructs the class that I am attending; instructs the class very well I might add.

LELAND Z. W. GRIFFITH

On the Spot...

KATHY LYNCH and ED MRIZEK

Do You Have an Eccentric Relative?



Janice Johnson (travel careers):

"All of my relatives are, especially my daughter who lives in New York. She thinks she's going to be an actress."



Debbie Benham (airline careers):

"Ya, Louie Alexander. Everybody knew her. She was the head of Jobs Daughters."



Glenda Gunn (undecided):

"My whole family rides motorcycles. Is that eccentric?"

Nadine Bentovoja (fashion merchandising):

"It's hard to say. All my relatives are strange, but my brother is the strangest."



Joe Finetti (music):

"I have an aunt who pretends to be a lizard."



Chuck Griffin (photography):

"No, all my relatives are pretty normal."



LOST ENCOUNTERS

Kevin Z. Gould



Personal power focus of women's seminar

Marylyn Morrell, who defines personal power as "being heard when you speak, recognized when you act, and comfortable when you look at yourself," will lead a workshop on "Personal Power Assessment for Women" on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Forum Building-1 at Foothill College.

Her program, which will be sponsored by Foothill's Continuing Education for Women Program.

A \$23 fee, which includes lunch, will be charged. Fees can be paid in advance at the Foothill Box Office.

Mrs. Morrell was one of the founders of the Resource Center for Women and their first director of education. She holds a master's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University and has worked closely with psychologist Abraham Maslow.



Officer moves stopsign to regulate traffic flow.

By Ivan Villa

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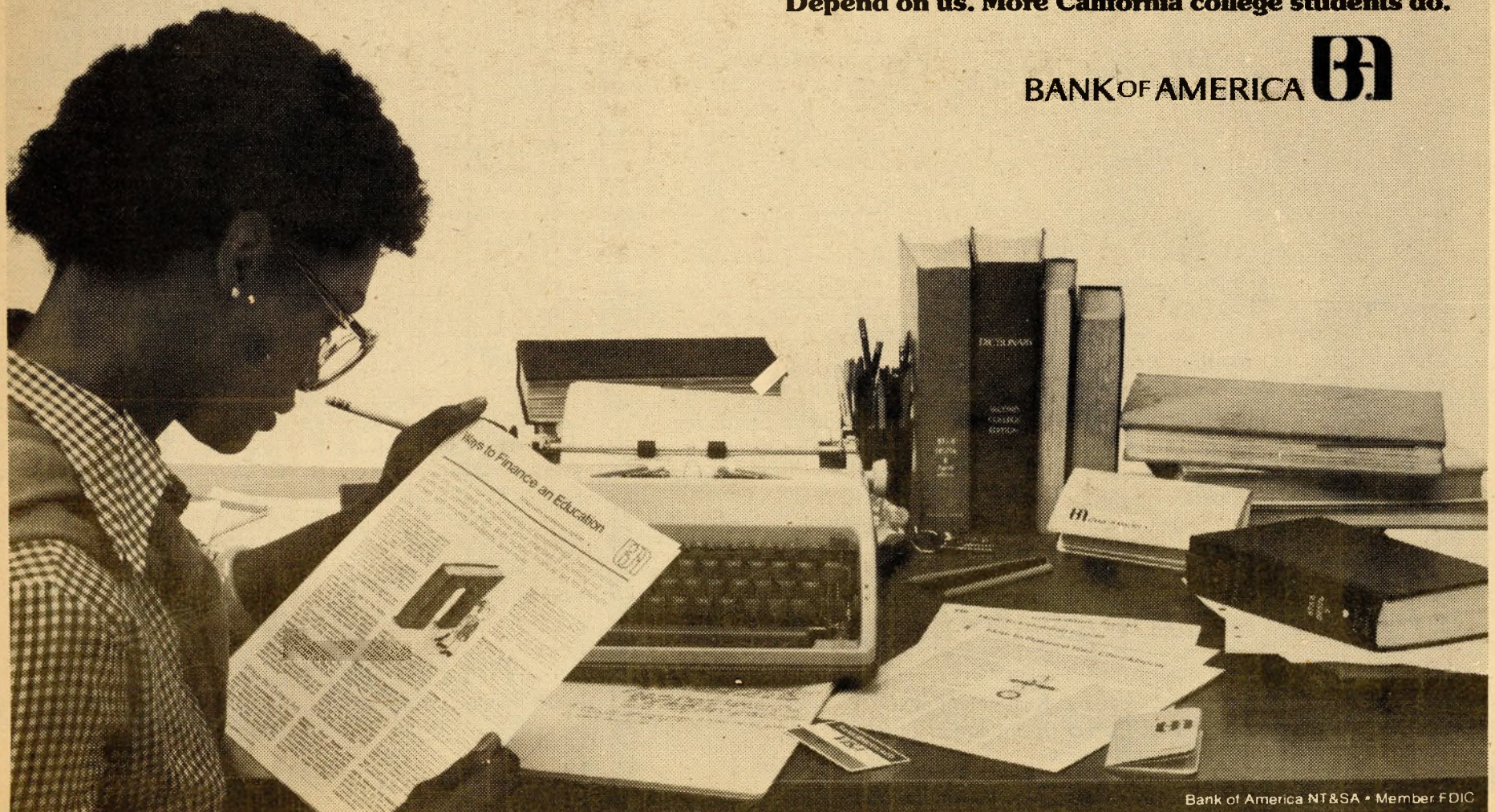
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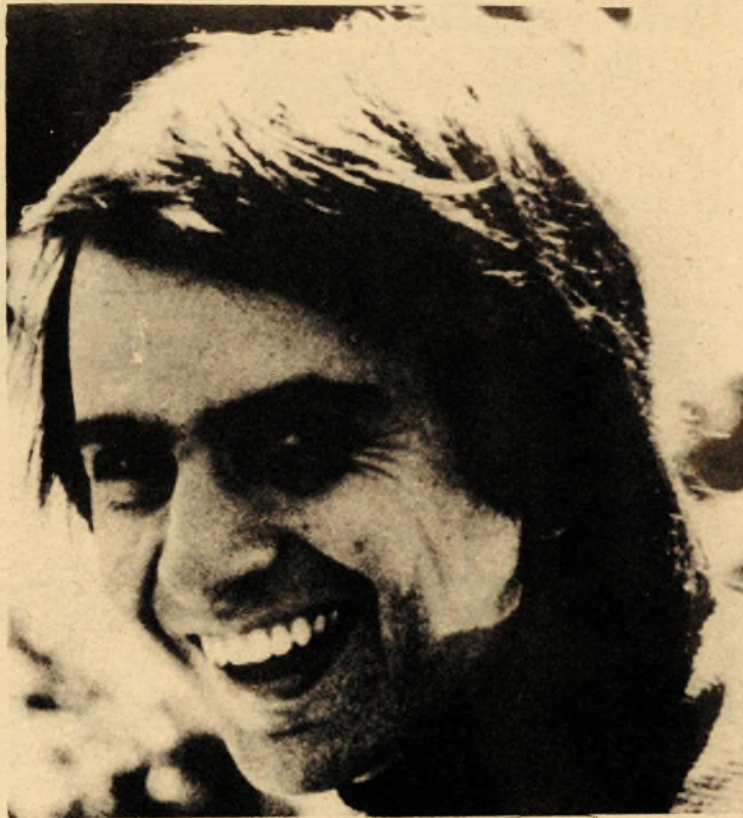
Scientist Carl Sagan, speaking on "The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence," will be the second of six speakers in Foothill College's Special Speakers Series on Saturday, 21, at 8 at Flint Center in Cupertino.

Tickets will be sold at \$5 at the door as space allows (some season tickets already have been sold to the Special Speakers Series, which is a self-supporting community service program sponsored by Foothill College).

Sagan is the author of the current bestseller "Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence" and is the author or editor of other books.

He holds the David Duncan Chair as Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Cornell University, where he also is director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies.

Known for his own achievements in science as well as for his ability to popularize scientific concepts, he has received the NASA Medals for Exceptional Scientific Achievement and for Distinguished Public Service, the John Campbell Award for Best Science Book of the Year, and the Joseph Priestley Prize



Carl Sagan

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Sagan has served on the faculties of Stanford Medical School and Harvard University. He has played major roles in the Mariner, Viking, and Voyager

missions to the planets. He was responsible for placing aboard the Pioneer 10 spacecraft the first man-made object to leave the solar system -- a message intended for possible extra-terrestrial civilizations.

KFJC staff revolts 'against tyranny'

By MARK SMITH

"The station should be run as close to a commercial station as possible, preparing the student for what he is going to encounter on the outside," said John Low, station manager of the campus radio station, KFJC. The format should be entirely up to the station manager and the program director," Low said.

The later part of Low's statement has caused a controversy within the management of the station.

According to Michael Dawson a member of the station staff, the management, consisting of 7 or 8 people, disagree with the station manager, over some of the station's policies.

"The way the station constitution is written," says Dawson, "The manager has complete control over the station, leaving the management and staff with no control, except in their own departments."

Low has completely dominated the station because of that little quirk in the policy, according to Dawson.

"The constitution of KFJC is quite old," agrees Low, "but the majority of things are handled through it."

Low continues, "We have a constant turn over of people through the station, all of whom want to implement their own ideas and make changes in the foundation. You just can't change a foundation, without some serious thought."

According to Dawson, the station management has voted unanimously to depose Low of his position, however it is written in the constitution that they do not have the power to do so.

"The only way a Station Manager can be impeached" says Dawson, "is by a vote by the

instructor and the Mass Communications Board."

The management of KFJC proposed to the Mass Communications Board that the constitution be changed to enable the management of the station to depose a station manager of his position by a 2/3 vote, however their proposal was denied.

"Low has slackened up a bit," says Dawson, "but as long as he is there, there's going to be a slight bit of dissention."

The position of station manager is filled by an election, by the management, and is for one year, Low's term ends in December.

Low feels that the station manager should not be elected by the students.

"I think that the whole staff, especially the station manager, should be paid positions. "KFJC has an incredible power," insists Low "It has the power, regardless of the format picked, to be one of the most listened to radio stations in the Bay Area, and they, (the management), are not taking the tool and using it."

"I really have a lot of love for the station, and I hate to see it not being used to its full potential" said Low.

Low does feel that the present KFJC management is sufficient enough to take the station to its fullest capacities.

"A lot of people who oppose me really have a lot of potential," emphasises Low, "but the one thing they do lack is loyalty, and in a commercial field that has a high rate of mortality like radio, loyalty is absolutely essential."

Low adds, the station is up for a power boost in November, which will raise the stations potential and make it possible for new students to enroll in the program.

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Owls even GGC record at 2-2

Owls crush West Valley 37-22

By MICHAEL LEMKE

Trailing 14-3 early in the second quarter, Foothill went on a scoring spree, taking the wind out of the sails of West Valley, going on to defeat the winless Vikings 37-22.

Foothill scored 20 second quarter points, and 34 straight points before West Valley scored a consolation touchdown with 1:40 seconds left in the game.

The Owls are now 2-2 in the Golden Gate Conference, and 3-3 for the year.

Dan Jaqua threw two scoring passes of 59 and 4 yards to wide receiver Mike Coghlin. "Jeff Melenudo, who had a good game running the football," according to Owl head coach Jim Fairchild, scored on a one yard run.

James Holt ran 42 yards for the final Foothill tally. Kicker Kris Bosmans led the Owls in scoring with 13 points, coming on four extra points and three field goals of 42, 25 and 21 yards.

Defensive back Stu Pederson intercepted two West Valley passes, also having two interceptions called back on penalties, and recovering a fumble in leading Foothills defensive charges.

Foothill rushed for more than 200 yards, causing Owl line coach Ken Preminger to boast, "that's the best running game we've had in my three years at Foothill."

After viewing the West Valley game films, Fairchild said, "I was very pleased, there was some good hitting and some good football played. They gave the run to us and we capitalized on it."

Foothill coaches repeatedly praised the offensive line for the great blocking. "Louis Knight, one of our best linemen, probably played his best game. Our guards, did a good job blocking the ends."

Owl harriers look for first win

"We had high expectations going into this year of fielding one of our best teams in years, but you just can't lose three guys who would be in your top five runners," said Foothill mens cross country coach Hank Ketels.

Bill Lowe, Mike Churkin, and Dale Bryan are the three runners Ketels was referring to. Various reasons, from injuries to transferring to another school have dampened Owl hopes.

"We were running the ball inside the end and outside the tackle all day long," said the highly pleased Fairchild.

Fairchild also felt his receivers played much better, running their routes at full speed.

"We were very worried about their passing attack as they had the conference number one receiver, and number two passer," cautioned Fairchild.

West Valley's passing game never got in gear until the final moments when the game was wrapped up for the Owls.

Foothill now has one week off before traveling to Diablo Valley for a game on October 28, giving any injured Owls time to recuperate. Fairchild said he can't let the team have the whole week off, but must keep his players ready and in a relaxed attitude.

DVC, winless until last week, stunned Laney with a 23-8 victory. "That's quite a comeback after losing every game," comments Fairchild. The Owls defeated Laney 13-12 on a 30 yard field goal by Kris Bosmans with 30 seconds left in the game two weekends ago.

Admitting his team played pretty well, Fairchild as in the tradition of most head coaches, did say, "As a coach I'll never be completely happy, there is always room for improvement, and there will always be a few mistakes to correct."

Fairchild did call it the best game of the year for the Owls, which should cause problems for the rest of the league in the upcoming games, as it appears Foothill is finally putting it together and playing some inspiring football.

Defensive back Terry Metoyer, honorable mention all-league last year, tore a ligament in his left knee and will be out for the rest of the season. Saturday, following the game, Metoyer had surgery.

Foothill is now 0-4 in dual meet competition, losing to De Anza 21-38 and San Jose City College 26-35 on October 12.

On what Ketels called a very hot day, Jim Clary led Owl harriers, finishing in third place with a time of 22:45 seconds. Jake White was just ten seconds behind Clary, finishing in seventh place. Following those two were Kevin O'Halloran, James Boit and Phil McCarty.



Quarterback Dan Jaqua No. 12 bootlegs around end against West Valley

SWIMMERS SPARKLE AT WORLD GAMES

Two products of Foothill's swimming program turned in outstanding performances at the World Games held recently in West Berlin.

Jan Sjolstrom, who will return to swim for Foothill this year, set a Swedish national record of 2:06.2 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke, finishing 11th in the event.

Bob Jackson, who finished swimming for Foothill in 1977 won two gold medals, while captaining the American team at the World Games, held the third week of August.

Jackson won the 100 meter breaststroke in 56.36 seconds, and lead off the winning medley relay team with a 56.33 second split.

"Jackson's 56.33 second split leading off the medley relay

team was the fastest time in the world this year for the 100 meter backstroke. He was also swimming on the fastest medley relay team in the world this year," says Foothill swimming coach Dennis Belli, who must be considered partly responsible for Jackson's and Sjolstrom's success.

"Sjolstrom, is still only 18 years old. He had never even made a national team before," said the smiling Belli.

Sjolstrom also swam on the Swedish medley relay team which placed sixth at the World Games. "Jan swam a 1:05.2 second split on the relay which is a much better time. Jan keeps on improving tremendously," adds Belli.

Sjolstrom captured first place in both the 100 and 200 meter breaststrokes at the California Junior College state meet held last spring. Sjolstrom proved instrumental in leading Foothill to a third place finish at the state meet.

"Clary looked pretty good and ran his most competitive race of the year," said Ketels.

Foothill's next meet is against Canada, Laney and CCSF at Coyote Point Park on Oct. 27.

"Six teams go to the Nor-Cals out of our conference, which is annually one of the strongest conferences in cross country in California. We're going to have to win some dual meets and do well at the conference meet in order for us to go to the Nor-Cal's," adds Ketels.

Owl water polo team hosts DVC, Friday October 20 at 3:30 p.m.

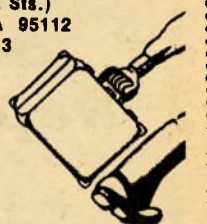
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Keeble Pipe, one of Foothill's captains, shows determined look



Kevin Curtis has eyes set on goal Photos by Jim Lanahan

UNDEFEATED OWLS HAVE SOMETHING TO HOOT ABOUT

Foothill College, rich in soccer tradition, once again is fielding an outstanding soccer team -- possibly it's best team ever. The Owls are unbeaten with an 13-0-3 record, leading the Golden Gate Conference.

This year's team has scored 57 goals while yielding just 14, scoring at an average of just over 3.56 goals per game, while giving up .87 goals per game.

Statistics show that Foothill is the winningest community college soccer team in California over the last four years.

Owl coach George Avakian, into his fourth year at Foothill, has never had a team out of the top ten in rankings for community college soccer teams.

Foothill, a good bet to capture this year's CC State Crown, last won the state title in 1976 with a 21-2 record. "The '76 team was ranked first from the opening match to the end of the season, which was quite an accomplishment," adds Avakian. The '76 team also claimed the Golden Gate Conference and Northern California crown along the way while Avakian was voted the California CC soccer coach of the year, in just his second year at Foothill.

In Avakian's first year (1976), the Owls were 14-3-1. After winning the crown in '76, the Owls faltered a bit in '77, but sill finished with an impressive 15-5 record.

Says Avakian: "On a scale of one to ten, I'd rate this year's team a ten, and the '76 championship team a nine, as far as skill, ability, attitude and loyalty. No one on this year's team thinks he's better than the other players. We have no social classes. I have never been exposed to such a bunch of kids before, and that's what creates success on the college level.

"The most important thing about this year's team is that we as a team decide what we have to do, and then we go out and do it as a team. Even if I was dead wrong, these kids would go out and make it work. Everyone on this team believes in each other and in the team. This may all sound like a big cliché, but it's all true."

adds the enthusiastic coach.

Since coming to Foothill, after coaching in the high school ranks in the Bay Area, Avakian has had three of his former players sign or be drafted in the North American Soccer League. Twenty-three of his players have received a degree and 17 of his players have started for a NCAA or NAIA soccer team.

"My dream fulfilled is to have a player get a master's degree and play pro soccer. I want my players to receive as much recognition in soccer as possible, while getting an education and receiving a degree, and if it takes soccer to get him an education, that's fine," Avakian concludes.



Sherman Swanson, one of the Owls' captains, blocks shot.



Vic Goncalves, also one of the Owls' captains, flies toward ball.