

Gurney Norman

Writer hired

By PETER G. BLISS

Near the end of the summer and precariously close to the beginning of this fall term, English instructor Dick Maxwell and Bob Kingston, Assistant Dean of Instruction, set out to create an innovative program for a community college. The result is now fact and Foothill College has its own "Writer in Residence."

But the result is also partly fiction, for the first Writer in Residence is fiction author Gurney Norman. Kingston explained, "When Dick mentioned Gurney Norman might be willing to do it; we decided to get right on it."

Norman's published works include the novel "Divine Rights Trip," which first appeared in the Last Whole Earth Catalogue. He considers this book to be a modern retelling of the universal hero

myth, but states however "that it hasn't always been easy to persuade my hippie friends of the classic sources of my weird book." A book-length folktale, "Ancient Creek," was recently published as an L.P. album. Norman will soon publish a book titled "Kinfolk" which is composed of a dozen short stories. Selections of his work will appear in the fall edition of the Foothill Quarterly.

Norman feels his writing reveals a special interest in folk tradition, particularly the Anglo-Celtic traditions that survive in his native Appalachian Mountains.

Norman originally hails from Hazard, Kentucky, a small coal mining town. He left there to study journalism at the University of Kentucky. After completing his studies he went back to Hazard and spent three years working on his hometown newspaper, The Hazard Herald. During this time he wrote short stories for fun. Norman proved to be so good at writing fiction that he was accepted to Stanford University on a fellowship.

"I've been writing fiction full time since 1960, when I spent a year at Stanford University as holder of a Stegner

Fellowship in creative writing. It was at Stanford that I met my good friends and fellow writers. The other writing fellows that year were Ken Kesey, Larry McMurtree, author of "Hud" and "The Last Picture Show," Peter Beagle, James B. Hall, and James Houston. It was after my year among these and other writers that I determined to commit myself to serious fiction."

"I believe that writing should reveal something about ourselves personally," he continued.

"The course," he states "is unfortunately named. What I really intend the class to be is a swinging course in creative writing. No one should be intimidated by the name, you don't have to be a great writer or have aspirations to be published."

Titled "Writer in Residence," the course is divided into two parts. At the Tuesday meeting the emphasis is on original work by the students. On Thursdays the class will be visited by a different Bay Area author each week, who will read from his or her published work, and then discuss the creative process.



Photo by JAMES B. HALL

GURNEY NORMAN

Candidates hold debate

By RICHARD PLAMBECK

The first in a series of debates between the Democratic and Republican candidates for the 12th Congressional District seat was conducted at the Awalt High School auditorium Sept. 25.

Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., the Republican incumbent, opened the debate in response to Democratic opponent David Harris's challenge of his vote on the recent house bill which, in effect, would turn the business of nuclear fuel enrichment from the hands of the government into private industry, at an estimated cost to the taxpayers of \$8 billion.

"This is an issue of significant importance. We all realize how bad the government is at handling things," McCloskey said, emphasizing the advantages of private industry.

He then cited his opponent's remarks describing the bill as an \$8 billion rip-off," saying that the money was neither being ripped-off by private industry nor wasted by the government, who would need the facilities to expand the nuclear power production of this country.

Harris opened his reply by assuring the audience that far from being quixotic, his accusations carried weight. He explained that the program proposed by this bill would expand the industry far beyond our anticipated consumption of the enriched nuclear fuel.

Comics create chaos

By COLLEEN CASEY

Tony DePaul and Robin Williams, professional comedians, performed for a massive crowd at Hyde Park last Tuesday during college hour.

Working with original, self-composed material, both entertainers were warmly received by the audience.

Despite the favorable reaction, however, DePaul and Williams were disappointed with the small amount of audience participation.

They found that the expansive area surrounding Hyde Park was fairly difficult to work in.

Despite the drawbacks, DePaul was enthusiastic and hopes to start a weekly presentation of Bay Area comics for students on Foothill campus.

"The amount we would be able to produce from these private corporation plants would be overkill," Harris reflected. "Furthermore, there is still no way, at present, to deal with the deadly wastes created by this material."

Harris also pointed out that the bill was being designed to suit the needs of the Bechtel Corporation who "already has their foot in the door" of contractual considerations.

Bechtel wants a 15 per cent profit margin guaranteed," he said. "Banks don't pay that kind of interest."

McCloskey stood by his vote on the bill, getting a solid response from the capacity crowd, but Harris's statements on conservation were lauded in the closing arguments.

Tony DePaul, originally from Washington, D.C., was a graduate of the Houston Law School in Texas.

"I don't like to admit that I've had so much education," claimed DePaul, "Because most of my act is being dumb, the idea of a law school graduate sort of ruins the image."

In his act, DePaul displays a spontaneous and candid personality.

"It's like I'm the guy next door," DePaul explained, "I'm just having a conversation with a few of my friends, only it's funny."

Both performers have recently returned from national tours and are now employed at the "Holy City Zoo" in San Francisco.

DePaul encouraged students to visit the "Zoo" at 408 Clement St. He stated that there was an "open microphone" on Tuesday evenings for any amateur interested in trying out their comedy act.

Robin Williams, a Tiburon resident, is a graduate of a New York acting school. He has recently auditioned for an NBC variety special and has been seen on T.V. several times.

Williams incorporates both verbal and visual wit in his routine. He usually tries to develop characters people can identify with, such as a "Yoga teacher," a cowboy, a typical teenager, and a Kung Fu expert.

In Williams' mock self-defense school, he offers suggestions for women who are confronted by an exhibitionist.

"Simply laugh out loud," Williams roared, "then clearly state, 'With that little thing?' It gets them every time!"



Photo by KATIE FREEMAN

Williams makes a face for the "photographer lady."

Both performers really enjoy their work. They hope that someday they will receive enough exposure to become "big name" entertainment such as George Carlin, or Gabriel Kaplan. Such popularity, even if the material is great, is not easy to come by. Unfortunately, according to DePaul, if you're in the comedy business, you won't get anywhere without a "name."

However, neither De Paul nor Williams plans to quit.

"Performing is really fun. I love to communicate with people and that is what comedy is," DePaul emphasized. "If you can do a good comedy act, you're communicating with 300 or 400 people. It's really a great feeling."

Editorial... and Letters



There have been many opportunities for Foothill Students to travel and study in foreign countries the past years. Student exchange programs, trips sponsored by clubs, and volunteers to crisis stricken areas have sent students overseas, to name a few.

This year, students enrolled in any class in the Black Studies A.A. Degree Program is eligible to attend the 2nd World Festival of Black and African Art and Culture (FESTAC). This festival will present artistic, intellectual and technological achievements of Blacks and Africans in history. Over 10,000 scholars from 37 African nations, Southeast Pacific Archipelago, Europe, Caribbean Isles, South America, Canada and the United States will be present.

The trip will last from January 15 through February 20. Students who attend can earn 12 units of credit by research written about FESTAC.

A seminar will be offered during winter quarter which will focus on FESTAC and the necessary preparations to attend this festival.

I urge every student to participate in this cultural once-in-a-life-time experience. Students who wish to participate in this trip must pay a \$50 deposit by October 1. For more information contact Don Dorsev, in the Multicultural Office.

Paula Williams

Dear Editor;

In view of the SENTINEL's past responsiveness to the political spectrum I would like to take this opportunity to offer what I would hope to be a little insight into the major political candidates of the fall presidential elections.

As Herb Caen so aptly put it, the choice of the American public is one of Dull and Dolo vs. Gritz and Fritz.

The president's campaign has been to date one of trying to discredit his opposition. No opportunity to matter how small is left unused in his efforts.

But as Adlai Stevenson said, "He who slings mud generally loses ground."

The president and his running mate take Carter's words grossly out of context, twisting them to suit their purposes. This of course is nothing new. It is all part of the quad-annual bid to gain the ignorance vote, which in proof is evidenced by test score re-

sults given out in the past few years.

Carter on the other hand talks out of both sides of his mouth, at least he has so been accused of his opposition and marginal supporters. Carter is his own supporter of this charge. Several times he has promised, albeit with qualification, to support diametrically opposed interests, which is only fuel for his opposition's objectives.

The country can be left for a limited time to run itself; it has been doing so for the past two years. But it is time for America to look toward the future and implement responsible programs to improve the condition of life in America and exalt her position in International eyes.

Sincerely,
K. Ryan Atwell

advantages you see as being offered by Gov. Carter, the political implications of his programs, or proposed programs, have yet to be seen by the American public. Several times during the primary campaigns, Gov. Carter was left to his own devices for answers to questions concerning the future policies. Unlike yourself, I am not satisfied with answers like, "People will have to wait till I am elected to find out what my programs will be."

Therefore, I feel Gov. Carter, and even the President, have little if anything to offer the American people. My suggestion would be to vote independent. Unfortunately, the only independent candidate who has a firm reputation is Lester Maddox, which is a sorry state for American politics.

Editorial reply:
In contrast to the rich

Richard Plambeck
Political Editor



By RICHARD PLAMBECK

The Veterans Club will be sponsoring the Pre-Homecoming Game Barbeque Oct. 15, which will be open to all faculty, students, and the community. The price will be \$2.00 which includes all the food and refreshments. After the game, the Veterans Club will be sponsor-

ing a dance-benefit. Wind River will be playing boogie, with all proceeds going to the New growth veterans organization. Admission will be \$1.50 with ASFC Co-Curricular Card, and \$2.00 without, at the door.

All veterans should be aware that money to defray the costs of tutorial assistance is available to veterans who need. The V.A. will pay up to \$60 for your tutoring, and will not charge it against your entitlements.

Tutoring can expand your potential in a course, and is not necessarily just for the people who are on their last legs in the final weeks. Tutoring is here, and available for you to use.

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Behind the stacks

with KATHY RUSSEL



Sh! Sh! Have you seen the new poster advising "Fight Noise Pollution in the Library?" It's not a new rule. The library staff has received several complaints about talking in the reference reading room. We realize that not everyone needs absolute silence to study, in fact some may fall apart in a sh! atmosphere. Therefore, if you are one of these people, study in the periodicals room where you'll seldom hear a shush. You can quietly discuss assignments, dates or whatever

with your friends and not disturb the sh! people. If you really like conversation and smoking, consider the patio. You can bring your lunch out there and eat while you read too.

Last year Mrs. Przchal instituted a free paperback book policy. On the left of the main room there is a rack of paperback books which everyone is encouraged to take on a bring-one-take-one basis. Unfortunately, the takers are doing better than the bringers. How did the

library manage to run so low? This year, let's try to improve. The next time you clear out your bookcase, just drop off the oldies. Then look at our selection and perhaps you'll find a good one you haven't read yet.

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Lela's Last Laugh



FOOTHILL FACES FALL



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"Foothill's atmosphere is nice," says Marty Estowski. The prospective physicist's major composes his own music and has been playing the guitar for 13 years.



"The no-dogs-on-campus signs didn't mention no-dogs-in-the-fountain. . ."

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Mary Andrews, Diana Dole and Alex Olsen.

Photo by STEVE O'SULLIVAN



In addition to books at the library, there is a typing room, photo copier, art displays and the tutorial center.

Photo by KATIE FREEMAN

Owls boot D.V.C.

By RYAN ATWELL

Foothill's soccer team will be looking for its ninth consecutive victory of the season when it meets De Anza College at home on Friday October 1, at 3:15 p.m.

In this their second year of league competition, the Owls have established themselves as a power-house in the Golden Gate Conference.

Coming off a 14-3-1 record last year the Owls boosted this years over-all record to 8-0 in a match against Diablo Valley College last Friday.

"In every aspect of the game it was a total team effort," said Owl coach George Avakian.

The Owls owe most of their success to the outstanding talent and depth displayed at every position and their ability to play together as a team.

In the Diablo Valley game five players scored at least one

goal with Foothill's center-forward Kevin O'Donnell scoring two.

Foothill's six assists went to six different players with sweeper-back Robert Bjelica making two and Mark Malmin and John Petersen cashing in on a double assist.

Walter Griffith and Steve Sampson, probably the most dangerous scoring combo in the league, played only 25 minutes in the game emphasizing the tremendous bench strength the Owls possess.

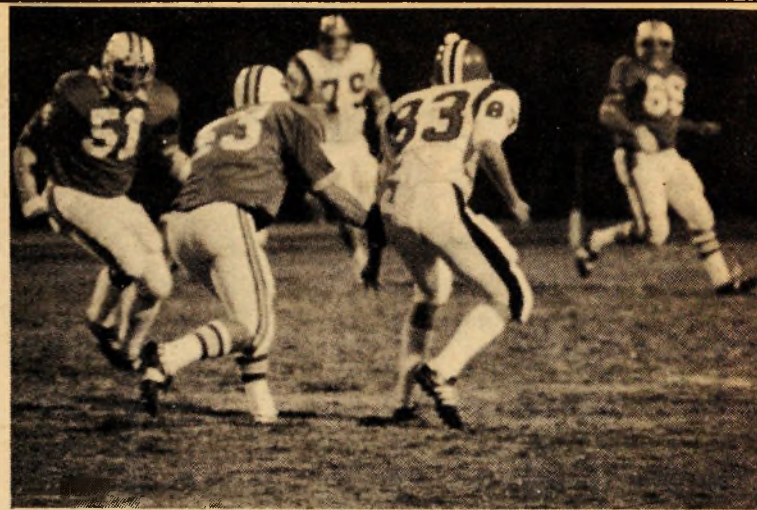
One of Foothill's problems last year was that Griffith had to go one on one too much. The addition of Sampson however has left Griffith open more often in position to take a feed from Sampson giving Foothill some easy goals.

U.C. Davis was Foothill's strongest opponent so far this year. U.C. played a tough game

before being turned back 3-2.

In their other seven games this year the Owls have out scored their opponents 32-4.

"This year is unlike last year," said Avakian. "We're peaking very slowly. Last year we peaked out a little too early and it cost us in the play-offs. I plan to peak a little slower this year."



Owl receiver John Soltau awaiting a pass from quarterback Bill Christopher
Photo by MALCOLM PERKINS

Gridders jagged in opener

By MICHAEL TORCELLINI

After Foothill College took a 7-3 lead on the first play of the fourth quarter it looked like they might pull out an upset against heavily favored San Jose City College in the two teams conference openers Saturday night, but two touchdowns within four plays of each other tugged the Owls hopes away as the hosting Jaguars preserved a 17-7 victory.

The Owl gridgers will be looking to even their conference record as well as their over-all slate this Friday night when they entertain San Francisco City College on home turf at 7:30. The Owls are 1-2 over-all after splitting two pre-season contests to Cabrillo and Hartnell College.

San Jose dominated last Saturday night's contest in almost every statistical aspect, especially rushing yardage. The Jaguars' defense shut Foothill's running game off completely as the Owls backfield accumulated

only 11 net yards.

Foothill's passing attack did not pose any difficulties for the San Jose defense either with Owl quarterback Bill Christopher over throwing many of his receivers, and completing only nine of 29 passes while getting two picked off.

The first of two interceptions by San Jose came in the first quarter and set up the Jags initial score.

San Jose's Joe Thomas stepped in front of Owl wide receiver John Soltau near the sidelines and returned it 30 yards to the Foothill nine.

Although Foothill's defense put together a tough stand, San Jose's place kicker Jessie Saenz split the uprights on fourth down from 25 yards out to place the Jaguars on the scoreboard first.

The rest of the half was a defensive battle with neither team compiling any scoring threats.

Unlike San Jose, Foothill's lone score of the night was due to a consistent aerial attack directed by Christopher.

Foothill drove 77 yards in 10 plays sparked by a four-of-

four passing performance by Christopher for 52 yards to give the Owls their temporary 7-3 lead following the point after conversion by Phil Hacker.

Fullback Doug Schmitz capped the drive with a one-yard plunge on the first play of the fourth quarter.

San Jose's two touchdowns came late in the quarter with only 3:52 remaining in the game when Jaguar quarterback Tom Sheppard dove over from the one-yard line.

Foothill handed the ball right back to the Jags on its next play from scrimmage. Christopher threw a pass over the middle that reflected off of intended receiver Chip Covell's shoulder pads and into defensive back Dan McLeod's hands.

Two plays later Sheppard bootlegged around the left side 29 yards for the score. The PAT by Saenz pushed the total to the final tally of 17-7.

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San Jose	3	0	0	14	-	17
SJ-FG Saenz	25					
F-Schmitz	1	run	(Hacker kick)			
SJ-Sheppard	1	run	(Saenz kick)			
SJ-Sheppard	14	run	(Saenz kick)			



Foothill goalie Jim Koch protecting the goal in the Cabrillo Tournament
Photo by BARB GORDON

Poloists tested

Foothill College's water polo team takes a break from Golden Gate Conference action when it confronts visiting Long Beach City College today at 2:00 p.m. in the Foothill pool.

The Owl poloists opened their conference play yesterday against hosting De Anza College. The De Anza Dons were last years State Champions, and are picked to repeat again this season.

Foothill head coach Dennis Belli believes Long Beach will prove to be a good test for the Owls. "We'll certainly find out what kind of water polo we can play when we clash with Long Beach," says Belli.

Foothill's upcoming schedule of games is one of the toughest they've ever had according to Belli who rates their next three opponents—Long Beach, College of Sequoias and Fullerton all in the top ten of the state.

Prior to the De Anza contest yesterday, the Owls held a 2-3 record following back to back defeats in the Cabrillo Invitational Tournament, Sept. 17 and 18.

After opening the tourney with victories against host Cab-

rillo (14-7), and GGC competitor Diablo Valley College (10-9), Foothill proceeded to drop two games in a row the next day.

Eventual tournament winners West Valley handed the Owls their toughest loss 10-9 Saturday morning, and American River capped the Owls day off with an 11-6 clobbering in the afternoon.

The Owls placed fourth in the 12-team, double elimination tournament, with sophomore Bob Jackson the only Foothill player to receive All-Tourney honors.

Jackson along with sophomore transfer Tom Schrier led the Owls in scoring during the tournament, each knocking in 12 goals.

Schrier received praise from coach Belli on his offensive performance, "he's as good as any player in Nor-Cal, offensively. Now he just has to work on his defense."

Sophomore Tom Wright picked up some of the slack on defense, according to Belli. "Wright's playing very consistently so far this year. He was scored off of just once the entire tournament."

Women set for opener

The Foothill Owls women's volleyball team open Golden Gate Conference action today against visiting De Anza and Cabrillo at 6:00 p.m. The Owls have a shot of confidence after defeating first opponents Skyline, 12-15, 15-1, 15-8 at San Bruno last Thursday.

With six returning players the Owls have a good shot at either surpassing or equaling last years excellent mark of 14-3.

But it won't be easy because the league, according to coach Al Talboy, is as tough as its been in sometime.

Gay Batistich, Sharon Cory, and Lorrie Daniel all return at the spiker, blocker position. The versatile pair of sophomores Connie Wooding and Annette Havens play any number of positions. Returnee Jan Hill is the setter, while Gayle Schmultz, formerly of Los Altos, is the only freshman starter.

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