

Poll reveals student's view of 13

By LYNETTE KELLY

Foothill students who oppose Proposition 13 represent a more than two to one majority over those in favor of the initiative, according to a recent on-campus survey conducted by

SENTINEL reporters and Foothill journalism students.

A random survey of 135 registered voters showed 26 percent in favor of the initiative, with 62 percent opposed; 12 percent of those questioned were undecided.

When asked for their reactions to Proposition 8, cited by its supporters as "the alternative to Jarvis-Gann," 16 percent of the students surveyed said they had "never heard of it" Sentiments for and against the bill proved about equal, with 30

percent in favor and 31 percent opposed. 23 percent were undecided.

When students were asked to explain their responses, reasons given by those against Jarvis-Gann reflected what the initiative's supporters have called "scare tactics." Students voiced fears that passage of the initiative would result in unemployment and the closing of, or necessity of charging tuition at, Foothill. Others claimed that such a reduction in property taxes is "too radical" and would "cause havoc."

Still others said that they were "not really familiar" with

the initiative, but were opposed to it on the advice of friends or parents. One student said that after hearing both pro and con arguments on "60 Minutes," "it seems like a good idea."

Arguments in favor of Prop. 13 reflected anti-government sentiments and disbelief that passage of the bill would result in drastic changes either at Foothill or in property tax-supported social services. "Property taxes are just too high," said one student. "Prop. 13 will let the government know we're getting tired of paying." Ano-

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Volunteers needed for crisis hotline

Student volunteers are needed this summer to help set up an on-campus crisis intervention hotline for Foothill students. The ASFC-funded referral system will begin operating in the fall.

According to Foothill student Glenn Raggio, who proposed the hotline, the purpose of the program is to enable students to "discover their own resources" to difficult problems with the help of trained volunteers.

After being interviewed to determine eligibility, volunteers will be trained in active listening techniques and positive feedback. "Self-help" will be emphasized and volunteers will do "a limited amount of problem solving," Raggio said. Students with problems requiring special-

ized or professional help will be directed to sources where they may obtain appropriate attention.

Prior to the selection and training of volunteers in August, "at least a dozen serious volunteers" are needed to set up the

program, Raggio said. Students are needed to compile information for referrals, to run copiers and to set up a training system.

Interested students may leave a message in Raggio's box in C-31, or with Jean Thacher, secretary of student activities, also in C-31.

Raggio said he is hopeful about the program's success. A similar program at Stanford University has been "very effective," he said.

DSU awareness day attracts attention

By MICHAEL LEMKE

The Disabled Students Union of Foothill College sponsored an Awareness Day on Tuesday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A bake sale and prize drawing was held to raise funds for disabled students scholarships. Tickets for the prize drawing were sold for 50 cents each or three for a dollar.

The Awareness Day program began with a speech on holistic medicine at 10 a.m., followed by talks on corrective therapy at 10:30 a.m., discussion of alcohol abuse at 11 a.m., and a 1 p.m. talk on stress and relaxation techniques. The drawing was held at 2 p.m.

Special equipment to be used by the blind, hard of hearing, and deaf were exhibited at the program, with a special emphasis on the deaf, according to Rusty Neth, a D.S.U.

member and student employee for Enablers Services.

Organizers of the event announced that \$64.39 was raised by the bake sale, and \$71.20 from the prize drawing which they felt was great, commented Bea Cashmore, enabler counselor.

Winners at the prize drawing include:

Lee Bernal, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Jack Trombley, and Roberta Loeffler, each winners of an album;

Donna Schulke and Dewey Dellenger who won 8 track tapes;

Sandy Cook won a pearl necklace donated by The Image, a Palo Alto arts and crafts store;

Gwen Britain won a dinner for two at the Good Earth restaurant;

And Roberto Dias the winner of a dinner for two at the Victoria Station restaurant.



Photo by Fairbanks Jones

From New York to Foothill; ACT brings award-winning play

A Tony Award-winning play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow Is Enuf" will be performed by the Black Actors' Workshop of the American Conservatory Theater (ACT) Wednesday through Friday, May 31 and June 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. at the Foothill College Theater.

The performance is a "choreopoem" which was defined by Don Dorsey, Associate Director in the Multi-Cultural

Office, as "a theatrical piece which evolves around poetry, dance and music."

The choreopoem was written by Ntozake Shange. A group of women dancers, musicians and poets first performed it in a Berkeley bar and then took the show to New York City.

Dorsey said, "The play describes experiences of seven young black women from different backgrounds. It has been the focus of controversy be-

cause of the view it presents of the relationship between women and men. Some audience members question whether the view represents a 'typical' situation."

The Black Actors' Workshop is a part-time program geared to the needs of Black actors and actresses which allows them to retain full-time employment while increasing their technical skills.

Actors are encouraged to use work of black playwrights, to learn West Indian and African stage accents as part of their training and dancers use movements from African, African-American and African-Caribbean frameworks rather than from European forms such as ballet.

Buster Flood will direct the play.

Tickets at \$5 (\$4.50 students and senior citizens) are sold through the Foothill Box Office, open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 948-8590, X206 for group rates.

Prepare to graduate

Students who have 90 units or more, planning to graduate at the end of the spring quarter, should submit a "petition to graduate" to Maria Black of the Registrar's Office.

Black said students who turn in the petition before June 1st are guaranteed a diploma without delay. "Otherwise it may take awhile to have them printed

and distributed."

The petition may be obtained from any counselor. It must be filled out completely and turned in to Maria Black. Dean of Students Harry Bradley said a counselor should check it over before the petition is turned in.

Dr. John Dunn, Chancellor of the District who plans to retire

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Editorials...

Opposed-Prop. 13

Over the past decade, California's escalating property values and consequent increases in assessed valuations have placed an unwieldy tax burden on the state's property owners. Homeowners—especially those living on fixed incomes—have been hardest hit by this problem. A solution must be found: Government spending must be limited.

Proposition 13 has been suggested as a possible solution. It proposes to cut back property taxes to one percent of the assessed value of the property. It further establishes a ceiling on the amount of property tax that can be collected from real property.

Although Proposition 13 purports to be a homeowners tax relief measure, it would in fact provide a disproportionate advantage to commercial property owners and landlords. Since businesses contribute 65 percent of all property tax revenues, an across-the-board tax reduction would provide most of its benefits to the owners of income-producing property.

While the tax rate on commercial property would remain largely the same, due to a ceiling on tax rates, homeowners would face increased assessment valuations (and, consequently, higher taxes) with each move. Two identical houses could pay substantially different property taxes for the same government services, simply because one had been sold while the other had not.

Although Proposition 13 would reduce local government revenues by \$7 billion, its passage would increase state and federal revenues from income taxes by \$180 million and \$655 million respectively. Homeowners would be forced to pay higher income taxes because of smaller property tax deductions. Thus, the result would be a tax shift from local government, where public services more closely reflect the specific needs of the community, to Washington.

Proposition 13 supporters claim that passage of this initiative would "cut the fat" from government budgets. This is unlikely. What is more plausible is that the "fat" will remain while public services and jobs are cut and state income, sales and other taxes and fees rise. Middle class workers and community members, not government bureaucrats would suffer.

Proposition 8 proposes a more moderate solution to high property taxes. It guarantees a 30 percent reduction in homeowner property taxes, to be financed out of current and future state surplus funds. It places a limit on state government revenue and spending. It provides a tax credit for renters, with additional relief for lower-income homeowners and renters. It would establish a lower tax rate for

owner-occupied dwellings than that of commercial property, thereby providing relief where it is most needed.

Proposition 8, while not as dramatic a change as Prop. 13, proposes a solution without side-effects.

—Lynette Kelly



In favor-Prop. 13

The taxpayers are in revolt, and the politicians are running scared. A tax-cutting initiative threatens to put them back where they belong: under the public's thumb, so they retaliate by telling us horror stories that would make more sense on Halloween.

The tax measure I'm talking about is Proposition 13, the property tax limiting initiative on the June 6 ballot. The horror stories are the politician's versions of which public services would be cut should the Jarvis-Gann initiative pass.

The reason for our public officials using fear to try to influence people to vote down Prop. 13 is that they are scared themselves. Nowhere in the text of 13 or in state law does it say where the government is to cut back on spending. Therefore, it is up to our public servants to identify areas of waste, and then stop pouring our (the taxpayer's) money into them.

Having to make cutbacks really bothers public officials, usually not being a very thrifty bunch when it comes to throwing the public's money around.

What they will have to do is investigate all facets of government spending and find out which areas aren't giving the public its money's worth.

Actually, Prop. 13 does not cut enough money out of the budget to leave us without police and fire protection, which is one of the more preposterous horror stories circulating. Neither will it have to affect our schools in a bad way if things are handled correctly, and our officials better handle them correctly unless they want a hard time at the polls next election.

A soul-searching will also have to be done at Foothill, but it won't have effects quite as severe as the college administration would like us to believe. If enough rocks are turned over, the District can find plenty of waste within the college. I know of one department in which the employees claim that the directors, who rake in over \$35,000 a year, show up for work when they feel up to it. Once at work, they sit in their offices for a few hours before taking extended lunches.

Unfortunately, some of our officials will not cut back on spending as a result of property tax cuts. The Mayor of Mountain View has threatened to tax businesses more, and some of our state officials have said that they will just increase income and sales taxes. My answer to these people is that you had better cut government spending, because, first of all, by taxing the businesses out of their wits you are destroying jobs in your own city, and secondly, if you try to keep your money-wasting machine in high gear by raising income or sales taxes on me, by God I'll remember you the next time I go to the polls.

One attempt by our state government to kill Prop. 13 is the Behr bill, Proposition 8. Touted as a reasonably alternative tax measure, it is simply the government's way of pacifying those who want tax relief by giving them a slight, practically insignificant, tax cut, while at the same time not cutting enough so that any economizing efforts will need to be taken. Proposition 8 does not give the government any incentive to curb spending, and should be voted down.

It is high time that the taxpayers put an end to their own plight. A government like we have in California, which has been on a spending spree for a long time, has got to be shown whose money it is playing with. This can be done with a YES vote on Proposition 13.

—Tom Selbach



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Letter

Editor:

Thanks very much to the student reporter who included in the May 19 Sentinel the article about the new shorthand course we are offering.

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class was to be offered, etc. It is being offered this summer under the course Master No. KB3A-61, entitled Bus. 304A Business Skills Development, with Marguerite Will as the instructor.

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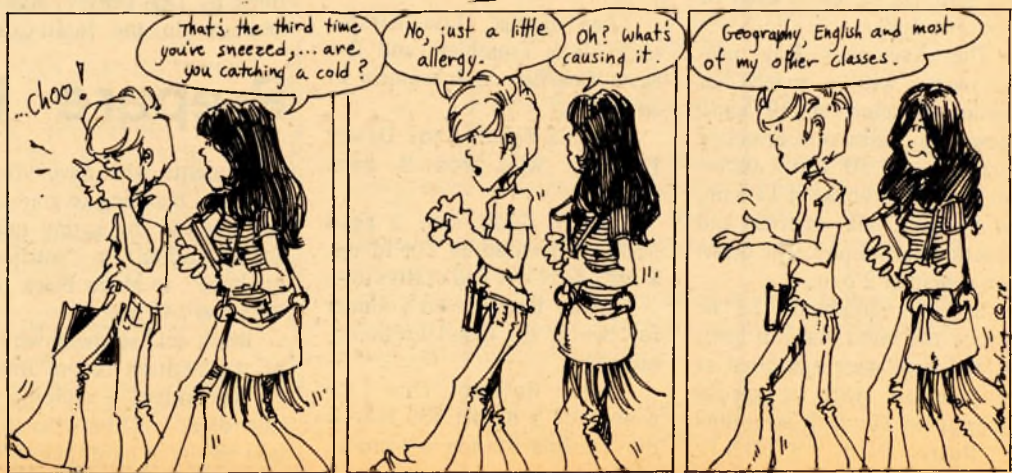
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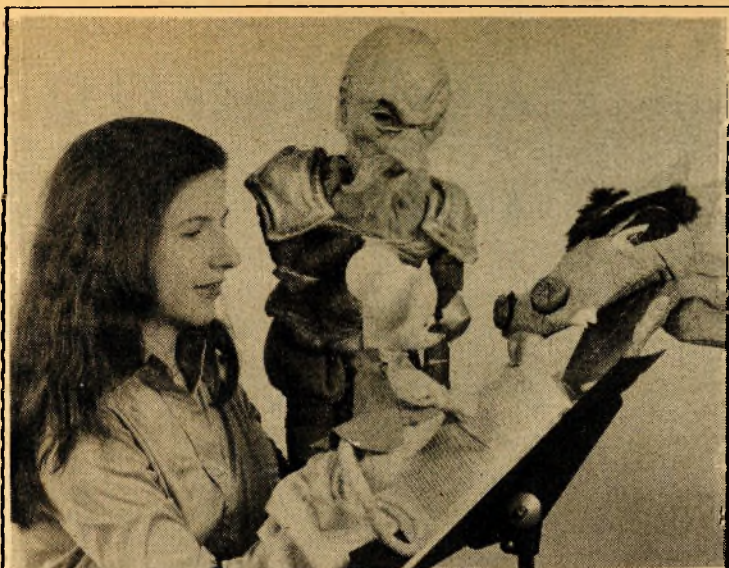
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Lela's Last Laugh

By LELA DOWLING





Nancy Cole, a noted puppeteer who has performed here and abroad on stage, radio and TV, will teach a new Foothill College course on "Puppets and Puppet Theatre" from July 5-25.

Genetic research discussed

"A conscious choice about the genetic make-up which affects our potential is going to be possible, and we will make a choice even by not choosing," said Foothill microbiologist William Hines, one of three panelists speaking May 18 to a full house at Library-8.

Acting President Hal Seger and Foothill microbiologist Murray Mitchell were the other two panelists on "Genetic Engineering: Threat or Promise?"

Hines was referring to choices available as a result of microbiological research, including the successful culturing of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid, which contains genetic information necessary to reproduce an individual).

Mitchell opened by referring to the two books publicized as subjects of the discussion - "Genetic Engineering: Threat or Promise?" by Lawrence Karp

and "The People Shapers" by Vance Packard. "I can see what happened: Karp, a competent scientist, wrote some good material on medical genetics, then the editor asked for some 'new stuff.' So he had to fill it out with inferior material."

Mitchell added that he was embarrassed to talk about Packard's book. "The man doesn't understand science, all he knows is 'Sell!'"

Seger and Hines agreed with this evaluation. Seger noted the "Frankenstein lurking" tone of Packard's book.

"Laboratory cultures have reproduced frog eggs and simple vegetative species such as carrots," said Seger who referred to himself as "only an intelligent reader like yourselves (the audience), not an expert."

Much of the discussion concerned moral issues involved, not only in people's making deci-

sions about the kind of children they want to have, but more immediately, in deciding whether or not to proceed with research, and under what conditions. "Should labs be built within city limits?" was a question presented by Seger.

Hines said that genetic engineering has been going on since life appeared on our planet, living things exchanging genes, sharing information with other organisms. "The difference is that now we can observe and choose."

Hines blamed scientists' caution for some of the public hysteria. "Scientists were open in recognizing the need for guidelines, the media got hold of this and said, Look at other discoveries, like the atomic bomb, nothing was said about its dangers and look how bad it is. If they're already talking about the risks, this must really be dangerous."

In brief

Electronics interviews held

On campus interviews will be held on May 24 for electronics students to fill positions for Memory Systems, Microcomputer Systems and Microcomputer

Components Divisions.

Electronics students may contact the Placement Center to set up an appointment for further information.

AGS certificates available

Transferring or graduating Alpha Gamma Sigma members with two years of college completed may be eligible for a life membership certificate and

gold pin.

Music counselor Raymond Tankersley may be contacted to find out about requirements.

ASFC positions open

The Associated Students of Foothill College will hold elections on May 31 and June 1 to fill three Senate seats.

Students wishing to run

must submit petitions by May 30 at 2 p.m. Contact Jean Thacher in C-31 for further information.

Students to read poetry

A second open poetry reading for students has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, at 1 p.m. in L26.

In the first open poetry reading for students last Tuesday, 12 students read poems to a sizeable audience in L26.

Annette Make, a student, opened the reading with a few remarks on the occasion and a request to students in the audience to sign up for the May 30 event. Maka said that students could read their own or other authors' poems.

A sign-up sheet is taped to one of the glass doors of the Language Arts Division office.

Students who read were John Boldway, Henry Pric, Susan Artibee-Wedlake, Rhonda Zamora, Daniel Fried, Sherrill Rice, Mitch Kawashima, Byron Mitcheell, Bill Leslie, Glenn Raggio, Lisa Swift, and Bill Alexander.

Students view 13

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ther student said that "Foothill wastes a great deal of money," but that if Jarvis-Gann passes "they'll get it elsewhere."

In spite of efforts of both pro and anti-Jarvis forces to inform the public, students who answered "undecided" on Prop. 13 claimed that they have been unable to find sufficient information on "what it will and will not do." "No one seems to be sure," said one student. "I hear so many conflicting arguments, it's hard to decide."

Students voting in favor of Prop. 8 regard it as "the lesser of two evils." "It's a more sensible approach to tax relief," said one student. "It's not as radical as 13. It seems like a good median point."

Many of those who oppose

the Behr bill viewed it as the government's response to Prop 13. "It might give some relief just to keep the public happy; but even that isn't certain," said one student.

Because Prop. 8 suggests a more moderate approach to tax relief, it has not been the subject of heated debate as has Prop. 13. As a result, many students remained undecided or had never heard of it at the time of this survey.

The results of this survey

are in striking contrast to one conducted recently in Santa Clara County, where 52 percent of those polled favor Prop. 13. A possible reason for this divergence is that while many of the students surveyed at Foothill said they were apartment-dwellers, the majority of residents in the county at large are homeowners. Several students who are opposed to the initiative said their parents, homeowners in Los Altos Hills, support the proposition.

Graduation

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this summer, and Dr. Robert Smithwick, a founding trustee of the District, will be among those addressing graduates.

Commencement will take place in front of the library at 7 p.m. June 11.

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Defending champion Chepkwony enters 78 state meet as underdog

Foothill will be represented by two men at the men's Community College state championship track meet at Bakersfield on May 27, beginning at 6 p.m.

Defending state champion Stephen Chepkwony will represent the Owls in the 400 meters along with discus thrower Neil Bergquist.

Chepkwony took second place at the Nor-Cal finals and Bergquist fourth at the meet held at San Jose City College on May 19.

Bergquist threw the discus 154 feet 9 inches which was good for fourth place, three inches ahead of the sixth place finisher.

this type of competition this year," says track coach Hank Ketels.

Chepkwony has run against Laney College's Eldon Walker twice this year and has been beaten both times. Walker broke

According to Ketels, Walker has Olympic potential in the 400 meters for 1980. Ketels says, "Stephen is a very intent young man," which means Walker is certainly going to have his hands full in keeping Chepkwony from repeating as the state 400 meter king.

Chepkwony's Nor-Cal record which Chepkwony had established one week earlier at the Nor-Cal trials with a time of 46.85 seconds. At the Nor-Cal finals, Walker won the race in 46.31 seconds followed by Chepkwony in 46.84 seconds, which also bettered the previous record.

"The biggest problem is that Walker is strong, fresh and healthy, while Stephen missed all of February and half of March due to an inflamed achilles tendon," adds Ketels in summing up the two runners.

"Stephen is the defending champion, and definitely the underdog going into the state meet. To beat Walker he must get out faster, running the first 100 and 200 meters faster. Walker is faster in the 100 and 200 meters than Stephen is.

From the middle of March to the beginning of May Chepkwony worked on distance training, while working on speed work since the beginning of May. Five days before the state meet, Ketels had to change Chepkwony's scheduled work-

Everybody says Stephen must get out of the blocks and run the first 200 meters faster, but what they don't realize is that he is getting out quicker, but he's just not used to running against

out of speed drills, because of problems with his achilles tendon. Ketels said, "He's got very delicate legs."



1977 state 400 meter champion

Stephen Chepkwony in Foothill jersey running against Laney's Eldon Walker.

Photo by Jim Lanahan

Men's tennis team takes second place at state meet

Foothill's mens tennis team took second place at the State Community College Meet held at Santa Barbara City College, May 19-20.

The Owls had previously taken third place at both the Golden Gate Conference and Nor-Cal meets.

"Everybody played real well. Considering first place was pretty much out of the question, I thought we played really well," commented tennis coach, Tom Chivington.

Canada College took first place honors for the second year running, also wrapping up the state dual team championship held May 18, at Santa Barbara City College.

Canada's entire squad qualified for the state meet, making the tough Canada team almost a sure bet for first place, according to Chivington.

Singles player Craig Cordell and the doubles team of Peter Fahey and David Barrows both made it to the semi-finals before being eliminated.

Cordell won his first two matches 6-3, 7-6, and 6-3, 6-4 before losing to Ross Hessler of Moorpark 6-3, 6-1.

Fahey and Barrows defeated the Southern California top ranked doubles team of John Sanford and Don Lowry of SBCC before bowing out. Fahey and Barrows won 7-6, 6-2 and 7-6, 7-5 before losing.

Foothill's second place finish matched last year's squad who also claimed second place. Foothill previously won the title in 1975 and 1976.

"I was definitely very happy with our play at the state meet," said Chivington, who before the meet had discussed the definite possibility of edging out West Valley for second place. West

Valley ended up in a tie for fourth place, after finishing

ahead of Foothill at the GGC and Nor-Cal meets.

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