

Foothill to go bankrupt ?



Foothill College faces possible bankruptcy according to Dean of Instruction Hal Seger, if Governor Brown's five per cent limit on community college growth is extended beyond the next two years.

As organizer of this year's budget, Seger calculates that although Foothill did expand over 10 per cent this year, the state will only provide funding for five per cent of that growth.

"We've depleted our reserves and we're going to have to do without over several million dollars," Seger added. "I don't know how long we can survive, maybe one or two years."

Explaining that Foothill is not allowed by law to spend beyond its income, Seger suggests that after two years there will be only one alternative: "You simply have to close your doors."

Although many Foothill administrators had hoped that the six-month-old growth cap would be lifted in the near future, Foothill President James Fitzgerald explains that nothing has really

changed.

"It looks like the cap may be with us for a while," predicted Fitzgerald. "Its dimension remains in the political arena."

"In fact," he added, "we may not be allowed to grow at all. The state may only give us the same amount that they budgeted us last year with no way to absorb the rising cost of living."

To offset such a financial crisis, the Administration plans a major re-examination of Foothill's curriculum to find which classes can be cut back in the near future. To meet the growth cap, last quarter approximately 100 courses were trimmed from this winter's class offerings, resulting in students having, as Seger puts it, "one hell of a time getting the classes they want."

"However," he continued, "those class cutbacks just may be what will save our hides."

While such cutbacks will probably continue through the Spring Quarter, Foothill will be tightening its belt in

several other ways as well.

One will be a "moratorium" on any new programs on campus and a pruning of many existing programs. Already the Volunteer Interaction Program which had previously placed Foothill students into volunteer teaching, medical and social jobs, was cancelled this quarter.

The next stage in the Administration's cutbacks will be a review of the counseling department, Student Aids, Student Government and Food Services expenditures.

"We'll have to review our expenses from the simplest paper clip to the top salaries of the staff," Seger added.

The amount of money spent on new equipment in this year's budget will also be carefully scrutinized. According to Seger, equipment expenditures will be cut in half.

"This means," he explained, "that students won't have the newest books and we may not be able to buy that saxophone for the music program."

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New pot laws explained

California's new marijuana law has been in effect for almost three weeks, although many people still do not understand what the new provisions entail.

The new statute does away with the old felony charge for the possession of an ounce or less of pot. The possession of an ounce or less is now a misdemeanor punishable by a citation and a maximum fine of \$100. Arrests and jail terms are illegal under the new law. The possession of over one ounce of marijuana, hashish or hash oil, or the cultivation of marijuana remains a felony in California.

"As of the first of January, California had the most liberal marijuana laws in the nation," said Gordon Brownell, the West Coast Coordinator of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, (or NORML). "This marks a major step in the eventual full decriminalization of marijuana in California."

Brownell added that users and non-users alike must remember that simple possession is still a criminal offence and that the new law in no way legalizes the use of marijuana. "NORML wants," he continued, "to strongly discourage people from smoking pot in public places, which will surely result in a citation, and a two year misdemeanor record."

Giving away, or transporting an ounce or less is also treated in the same way as simple possession. The sale of any amount, or the furnishing of marijuana to a minor is still a felony.

Five other states have adopted citation laws for marijuana possession. Oregon was the first in 1973, followed by Maine, Alaska, Colorado and Ohio.

NORML has filed a major constitutional challenge to California's possession and cultivation laws for personal use

of any amount, contending that such laws are a violation of the unalienable Right to Privacy and other constitutional guarantees. The civil suit, brought in Los Angeles and San Francisco counties, will be heard early this year. -John Lohnes

Registration - tight

Winter Quarter registration this year has yielded a high number of enrolled students although over a hundred classes have been cut back.

An estimated 6,500 to 6,800 students are enrolled in day classes, with approximately the same number taking Continuing Education courses.

Last winter enrollment during the day totalled only 5,200 students.

120 classes have been cut from last year's schedule and about the same number will be cut from Spring Quarter class offerings, according to Registrar Irel Lowe. The reason for the cuts is Gov. Brown's 5 per cent growth cap on community colleges which was imposed last may.

Many students have wondered why so many afternoon classes were cut this quarter.

"Those classes were cut because they usually have the lowest enrollment. It's easier to get students to go to evening classes than to afternoon classes," Lowe explained. "Conceivably, future budget problems could eliminate all afternoon classes, unless student interest in them increases."

Other economizing measures include larger class sizes.

"The number of students allowed in a class has not been increased, but the number of students needed to keep a class from being cancelled has," Lowe said. "That is, we are not trying to increase the average number of students in an English class from 30 to 35. We are saying that less than 10 people in a class is not enough to let us offer it."

-Becky Hauser

News briefs

To commemorate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Afro-American faculty and students of Foothill College, will present an hour long memorial service, January 15, at 1 p.m. in the Campus Theatre.

The festivities will highlight the showing of the film, "Martin Luther King-The Man" address by Ida Hobinson, chairperson of the Ethnic Studies Division at De Anza College.

The public is invited free of charge to the special program, which will be followed by refreshments in the Campus Center.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Gun control threatening

In April of 1775, the British marched to Lexington and Concord with intent to capture the arms and munitions of the American Colonists. Now, with the Bicentennial at hand, we face the threat of losing our arms once again. But this time, a certain number of our own elected officials are the culprits in this plan to disarm us.

They claim that gun control is the answer to our crime problems, as criminals are released back into society without sufficient rehabilitation or punishment. The chance of a short prison sentence is not a strong deterrent to a hardened criminal or to a would-be criminal.

With our police force unable to cope with the growing crime problem, it is up to the individual citizen to protect himself.* Sufficient gun controls already exist; perhaps what is needed is a safety program for purchasers of firearms in order to eliminate the problem of ac-

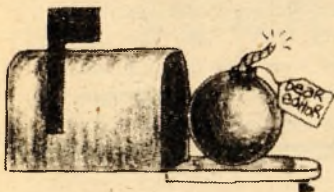
cidents with firearms.

The reasons for firearm ownership today are many. Self-protection is one reason. Gun collecting, target shooting, and sport hunting are other justifiable reasons for firearm ownership.

The blame for crime is unjustly placed on the gun and not on the individual. Don't be taken in by loose and unclear terms such as "Saturday Night Special." This undefined term is merely a way for advocates of gun control to get their foot in the door for total confiscation. Your right to keep and bear arms does exist —SUPPORT IT!

Robert Jackston
Rich Larsen
students

*"Today's police can't protect you" LA chief defends gun ownership," Palo Alto TIMES, We., Apr. 23, 1975, p. 18.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Childcare presents problems

Dear Editor:

As a student of Foothill last quarter, I found myself in need of care for my child so that I might attend the day classes I have been attempting to take for the past five years. I was pleased that Foothill had a child care center and enrolled my child.

In October, I attended my first Parent Advisory Board (PAB) meeting. Between October and December numerous meetings were held with a great deal of concern over specific problems at the center and projects of the PAB being discussed at each of these meetings. Letters were written to the director of the center, Mr. Kritchfield (the director's superior), Mr. Fitzgerald, and government agencies requesting information, assistance, and/or action on specific problems and issues as they came up.

On December 3 a meeting was held in which three members of a previous PAB attended. In the course of this meeting it was brought up (by one of these ex-board members) that the present people "claiming" to be a PAB had not been elected by a majority of the parents in the center and therefore we were an "illegal" body and had been acting as such since Oct. It was then suggested by another ex-board member that any persons or agencies should be informed that we had now been informed of our non-existence.

The director, who had refused child care for one of our meetings and had not responded to both verbal and written requests for cooperation, stated at this meeting that she agreed

with the ex-members and that this, in fact, was her reason for not cooperating. She did not, however, state any reason for not informing us of the situation previously.

I have not enrolled this quarter as I cannot go along with this obvious manipulation of rules manipulation of rules by a person who is supposed to be in charge of, and concerned about, a center for children.

My greatest concern is that this maneuver affords the people requested to make changes or answer questions the opportunity to ignore valid complaints.

Chris Kalling
ex-student

Stealing is in full swing

Dear Editor and students:

Welcome back to Foothill: its classes, students, teacher, activities and Thieves!! School has not been in session more than three days and already the stealing is in full swing. It's really sad when you're forced to scan your fellow students with a suspicious eye; wondering if she or he were the one who ripped off your purse or wallet, etc., etc.

It would be great to believe that as students we are all here with the same goal: to Learn! (and not to rip off one another). Because of the "common bond" between us we should be working together to better ourselves and help those less fortunate. There are many people with a desire to attend school who are unable to. We should be grateful that we have a chance.

So, next time you have that \$ temptation\$ to grab what's not



Sela's Last Laugh

by Sela Lawling

PUBLIC FORUM gives readers an opportunity to express their views on issues of campus concern. **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** is for comments on **SENTINEL** stories. All material must be signed, although it can be printed anonymously at the contributor's request.

Kudos go to SENTINEL

Madam Editor:

As a photographer and a true lover of beauty, I was appalled to see the "hot dog" erected on the campus. It is a negative factor. It lends no beauty to the campus. It would be right in place in front of a hot dog stand.

I can appreciate the work that went into its construction, but I would have to vote for its removal.

Also, keep up the good work. Your staff on the **SENTINEL** seems to know how to get into a story and dig out the facts. The paper, since you have received your new machine, is

looking good. The layout is good and photos border on being great. I like the idea of a large photo on the front page.

I was disappointed with one issue last quarter: the "Alice Doesn't" one. It seems to me that if "Alice doesn't" then "Tom shouldn't". There is a little thing called equal opportunity and it works in all directions.

All in all, an excellent publication. Kudos for the **SENTINEL** and its staff and instructor.

a former student

Brown's budget blues

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Foothill seems to be an exception among most California community colleges, added Seger, in that while most have continued expanding, resulting in swelling enrollments, Foothill has maintained a very conservative fiscal attitude.

"They must be hoping to find a solution from the skies!" he remarked. "They were gambling that it would go away, we were gambling that it wouldn't."

At least until Foothill's waiting administrators receive word from the politicians in Sacramento, Seger warns: "The frills are on their way out."
-Kerry Swanson

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On the Spot

What Were Your New Years Resolutions?

By LYNN CAREY and KEN KENRICK

Randy Scott:

To quit goofing off in school so much, and stop taking out sophomore girls in high school.



Carol Lange:

My New Years resolution was to go skiing a lot, study hard in school, and get into jogging to get into shape from eating all the holiday garbage.



Larry Krum:

I was thinking how out of touch physically my body is with the earth, so I resolved to do some running and biking to get in touch.



Peter Sorenson:

Keep my commitments, because I feel like I'm bullshitting around too much.



Kaye McNaughton:

To remember what my last year's resolutions were, and try to do something about those-but I can't even remember what last year's were!



Tom Beggs:

To get out of junior college as soon as possible!



Carol Rees:

My New Years resolution was to calm down. It hasn't worked yet!



Images of past revealed

"Images of America: A Photo History" commences Foothill's Bicentennial Celebration with more than 500 black and white photographs in Hubert H. Seman's Library depicting the highlights of the American experience.

There are photographs of the black leaders who led the fight for freedom and suffrage, American Indians and cowboys who lived off the land, immigrants who looked for a better way of life, soldiers who fought our wars, and men and women who developed our politics and economy.

Librarian, Richard Sutherland, made the selections for the library from a catalog published by Documentary Photo Aids in Sarasota, Florida, and purchased over 1,000 with funds provided by the Foothill Continuing Education Student Association.

Through the month of January during library hours, the public may see our history from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to the landing of U.S. astronauts on the moon.

Observing the reactions to the exhibit, Sutherland noticed that the majority of visitors linger at the photographs describing the 1960s. He thought maybe it was because of the younger students present who identify with the fads and rages of the decade.

Pointing to the display on the Feminist Revolution, he said, "Women may enjoy this section but I personally gravitate to the area showing the 1940s and 1930s."

Sutherland spent part of his holiday vacation organizing the reproductions in order of chronology and subject matter, then he arranged and stapled them on all the available wall and standard space. Admiring his display, Sutherland said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

The photographs are the beginning of a collection of pictures on file the library hopes to make available for circulation by next year for students, faculty and other libraries.

Sutherland said, "Outside of the San Mateo County Library, Foothill will have the only library in the south Bay Area with such a lending service."

In addition to the show, two display cases house an original United States Military Record of Vermont and the Connecticut Gazette of 1808 donated by Mrs. Charles G. DeMar of Redwood City.

-Jean Dane



The American Indian portrayed in "Images of America" on display in Seman's Library will run for the rest of January.

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Hoopsters down Diablo 76-68

This Friday night the Owl five take on College of San Mateo in a crucial contest. C.S.M. ranked as one of the top twenty J.C. teams in the state and is "the team to beat", according to head coach Jerry Cole. Two other Golden Gate Conference teams are ranked in the top twenty: De Anza and Laney. With a two month long, 16 game season ahead, the Owls can certainly use a win their first time around against C.S.M.

The Foothill basketball team got off on the right foot in their first league game last Friday night, handing Diablo Valley College a 76-68 defeat.

Leading the Owls in

scoring was 6'2" sophomore guard Dave Kemp who bucketed 15 markers. Following Kemp in the scoring column were three other back court players, unusual considering that the forwards have been responsible for most of the scoring during practice season. 5'9" Darrell Armour canned 14 points and Rick Atchison along with Ron Sims notched 10 apiece.

The Owls played D.V.C. to a 32-32 half-time tie, but came out strong in the second half to wrap the defeat up early.

D.V.C. out-shot the Owls percentage wise from the floor, but were beaten on the charity line as the Owls knocked in a better

average. Diablo was also better on the boards, grabbing 22 opposed to 19 for the Owls.

Coach Cole was pleased with the Owls 9-4 pre-season record. He felt it was a "tough" practice schedule and prepared them well for the season. Of the four set backs the

Owls absorbed during pre-season play, three were decided in the last minute of the game. The fourth was to Contra Costa by the largest margin thus far, a five points spread.

The Foothill hoopsters captured a third and fourth place in the Chabot and Hancock tournaments

respectively.

Foothill fell only twice in the Hancock tournament, 55-51 at the hands of Mt. Sacramento, and 55-53 to host Hancock. Both Mt. Sac. and Hancock are ranked in the top twenty of the state.

In the Chabot Tour-

ney, the hoopsters lost only once, but to the tournaments eventual victors, Alameda in the semi-finals. Eric Vollmers and Rich Toschi recieved All-Tourney honors for their performance.

—Michael Torcelline

Wrestlers tally 6-1

Foothill matmen are aiming to wrestle away an important Golden Gate conference match from top-ranked Chabot in Hayward on Thursday, January 20 at 5 p. m.

Coming off two recent victories—a 54-0 shutout of Gavilan College and a 40-12 win over Ohlone—the Owls

will enter the match with a 6-1 overall record.

Their sole loss has been to defending GGC champ San Jose City College (14-28).

The Owls are ranked ninth in the state by the Junior College Athletic Bureau.

Head coach George

Avakian and assistant coach Bob Slack believes that the Owls are capable of beating Chabot, although they must give up one match automatically in the 167 weight class.

Outstanding Owl wrestlers include undefeated Peter Klee (Awalt-150); Tony Brewer (Palo-

Alto-158), who placed first in the rigid competition of the Skyline Tournament; Mark Lundin (Cubberly-142), who boasts a 10-1 individual record and placed third in the Skyline Tournament; and Dwight Miller (Gunn-126), who has lost only one match due to an injury. —Jan Miller, sports editor

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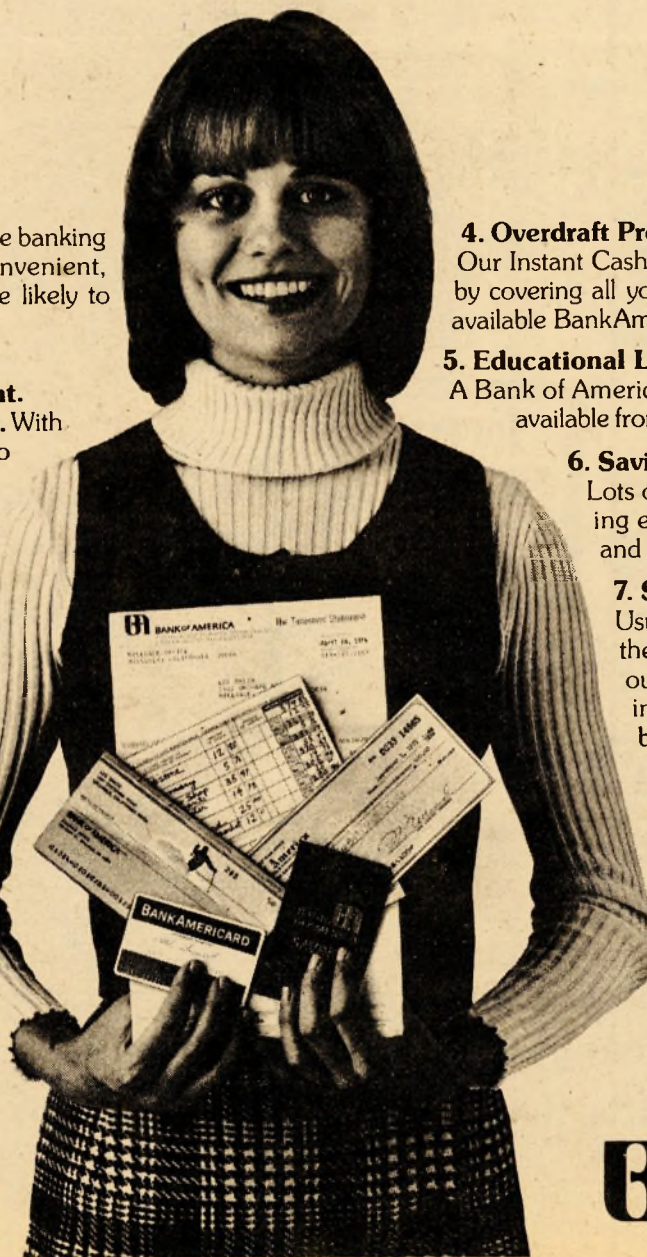
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