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for the preservation and maintenance
of Foothill and De Anza Colleges
Tuesday, April 10**

Measure A on ballot

Election date set

By HERB MUKTARIAN

On Tuesday, April 10, the Foothill-De Anza College District will hold its special tax election (Measure A on the ballot) and the success or failure of this measure could hinge on the turnout of student voters in the District.

Measure A would give the District \$3.6 million of local, District-controlled funding. Residential property owners would pay between \$15 and \$60 per year, with an average of \$25. Commercial property owners would pay between \$75 and \$375 per year.

These funds would be used for preserving, maintaining and improving District owned or operated facilities and the Foothill and De Anza campuses. Measure A funds would not be used for general operating expenses, which includes salaries and benefits. Voters in the District will have the opportunity to repeal the tax every four years.

Fryer praises volunteers

Rally attracts crowd

By JOHN RADEBOLD

With less than three weeks remaining in the campaign for Measure A, Campaign Chairman Thomas Fryer presided over an informative meeting that filled the Foothill Campus Center Cafeteria on Thursday, March 15.

Fryer gave a progress report to over 200 members of Foothill faculty, staff, administrators and students.

Fryer reported that some 12,000 people had been contacted by phone and informed of the measure, with the response being mainly positive. In addition, 2,000 people have been contacted by precinct walkers, but Fryer said more volunteers are needed in the door-to-door campaign.

Fryer noted that the campaign for Measure A has raised \$80,000, but that the goal is for \$103,000. Recent donations have come from Apple Computers

Foothill College President Thomas Clements has said that even though there will be a \$50 per semester tuition charge beginning next fall, the students and the public must not believe that the District's financial troubles are over.

Funds that the District receives from tuition will immediately go to cover the 10 permissible fees eliminated by the tuition bill, including student health services, which will leave the District approximately \$200,000 ahead.

However, this amount of money won't cover the \$400,000 worth of roof repairs needed at Foothill College, and it will not supply the necessary capital to replace dilapidated and outdated instructional equipment.

Campaign organizers have said a large student turnout will be necessary if Measure A is to pass. They are hopeful that students will realize the importance of the issue and take the time to vote.

(\$2,500) and the construction firm of Rudolph and Slutton (\$2,000).

Always optimistic and supportive, Fryer praised campaign volunteers. "People are working very hard in this campaign." But he added, "a lot of blood, sweat, toil and tears from here to the end" would be needed to make the campaign a success.

Organizers are waging a very low-key campaign. "Overall strategy is to get the message out to people interested in the college," Fryer said. He added, "Basically, we're waging a no-media campaign."

One novel idea organizers are pushing is a plan to assemble 400 people at 4 A.M. election morning and send them out with names and addresses of known supporters. The bleary-eyed volunteers will travel with flashlights and hang voter reminders on door knobs. Those interested should contact the district office.



Rockafellers rock to students at campaign headquarters.

Finals end with a 'bash'

By JOHN RADEBOLD

If you needed a reason to party, this was it. Finals were over and Students for Measure A together with Students for an Economic Democracy threw an "After Finals Bash and Dance."

The idea was to raise money for the Measure A campaign. Organizers devised what proved to be a potent and profitable formula: two parts rock and roll, one part beer and over 150 students who had every reason to party.

Profitable indeed. Measure A student operations manager, Ed Hoffman, said the "bash" netted roughly \$500, all of which will be used for passage of Measure A.

The party featured local "rockabilly" band, The Rockafellers. Opening the show was the Generic Band.

The show was scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the 16 student volunteers huddled for a "security rap." Only Foothill and De Anza students were to be admitted, and everyone's hand was to be stamped — red for under 21, black for over.

Volunteers took their positions and waited for the expected onslaught. They waited and waited...

By 9:15, organizers were clearly distressed. There were less than 40 people present and half of them were either volunteers or press.

ASFC president Leslie Fay took long draws from a never ending stream of cigarettes. Associated Student of Foothill College Vice President of Organizations Bruce Jett paced the floor with a menacing look on his face, Ed Hoffman sat on a chair perched atop a table and peered nervously out the door.

But at 9:30 they arrived. Hoordes of young people from both colleges — and they were thirsty.

There was some grumbling about the price of beer — a dollar for a cup off the keg, but later people were saying, "Hey, it's for a worthy cause." By 10:30 there were over 150 people dancing and drinking.

Hoffman said overall it was a "big success," and added that there may be a "Back to School Bash" on Friday, April 6.

Computer hardware gifts help financial problems

By RUTH NILSSON-LADNER

Foothill College is trying hard to solve its financial problems on its own where there is a chance to do so. One example of its overall effort to get much needed equipment is through the seeking of donations. These attempts have been fruitful.

"This year all of our efforts have been concentrated on seeking donations for computer hardware," said Fred Critchfield, associate dean of instruction. But he added that next year's efforts will be geared towards quality in the classroom, by concentrating on donations for improvement of materials and instruction in all divisions.

The biggest success of Foothill as donation seeker is indisputably the Tandem Computer system in E-21, which consists of 60 terminals, six processors and eight disc drives plus the software.

In April 1983, Dean of Instruction Bernadine Fong and Critchfield attended a seminar at Tandem Computers in Silicon Valley. The seminar was staged to display the company's latest equipment.

At the seminar Fong and Critchfield established their first contacts with the purpose to ask for a donation.

At the beginning of the academic year 1983-84, Foothill President Dr. Thomas Clements addressed the faculty.

"Dr. Clements encouraged us to become more active," said Fong.

Quoting Clements, Critchfield said, "Each of us knows at least one person who is working in Silicon Valley and their employers might all be potential donors; it is simply a matter of passing the word around."

Asked about eventual ties attached to donations, Fong said, "Usually the equipment is donated with no connected obligations." But the College reciprocates by providing the donor companies with educational services in the field of career guidance and development. Some of these services are free, but there also exists contract instruction programs in which the College is contracted and paid by the companies. An example of such a program is Tandem's request for two courses: presentation skills for managers and finance for non-finance managers.

"The majority of the companies in Silicon Valley are willing to help," said Raymond Dong, associate division chairman of the physical science and engineering department.

Through his effort, Intel Corporation donated new micro computer training systems. Two years ago, Intel delivered 20 eight-bit micro computers and this month it added 15 16-bit micro computers. "Besides this very generous donation, Intel provided us with free educational material such as manuals and books," said Dong.

Dong also approached Hewlett-Packard. Last summer the company donated used equipment (original value \$200,000) for the semi-conductor lab.

"My next project is to develop the semiconductor lab to greater capacity, so that we can train more people for the industry," said Dong.

Obviously he isn't waiting for passage of Measure A, since he is already busy negotiating with such potential donors as Signetcs, National Semiconductors, Fairchild and Machine Technology.

Campaign consultant Weiner optimistic about 'A'

By RICK CRAMER

Political consultant for the Measure A campaign Sandy Weiner said he feels everything is going well with the campaign, but concerning the possible passage of the measure he added, "I don't make predictions."

Such is the response of a shrewd and experienced politician. A political consultant for 27 years and veteran of 500 campaigns, Weiner has worked for various prominent politicians. Among these have been Pete McCloskey in two of his congressional races, Diane Feinstein when she ran for supervisor in San Francisco, Joe Alioto's mayorial re-election bid (also in San Francisco), Alan Cranston for the U.S. Senate, and Wilson Riles for superintendent of public education. "I have a 93 percent success rate," said Weiner. "Riles was the first black ever elected to a statewide office in California," he added.

With such an impressive record, one might be inclined to wonder how the Measure A campaign was able to enlist a man of Weiner's talents. Weiner does



Political Consultant Sandy Weiner

not look at his efforts from a purely businesslike perspective. "I'm a professional," said Weiner. "I work on campaigns when I like the candidate or the measure."

Weiner is one of only two paid members of the campaign staff, earning a salary of \$3,000 a month. Campaign Headquarters Coordinator B.J. Popp is the other, earning \$1,250 a month. The campaign is a five month venture.

Weiner won't predict success, but he does say that the campaign is going well. The campaign is working with a \$103,000 budget as of now, which includes a \$10,000 contribution from Hewlett-Packard and \$2,500 from Apple Computers, as well as various other donations.

The operation consists mainly of precinct walkers, phone bank operators and those who handle the mailing of information to constituents.

The precinct walkers go door to door to specially targeted households, those that will most likely vote yes. After recording the reactions of those in their precinct, the results are taken back to Measure A headquarters. Extra literature is then sent to those who responded "yes", and information packages are sent to those who are undecided. Those respondents who said they would vote no on the measure are no longer dealt with.

The phone banks call many of the same prospective "yes" voters and, depending on the reaction, further information is sent, just as with those contacted by precinct walkers.

The operation relies solely on volunteer support for these functions. "We have about 500 volunteers now," said Weiner, "but we could use about 200 more."

"If this measure is successful, I think that other community college districts will do the same thing."

"All of this will do no good," Weiner stated, "unless all registered staff and students vote on April 10."

Clements on issues

By HERB MUKTARIAN

Measure A, the Foothill-De Anza College District's special tax initiative, will go before local voters on Tuesday, April 10, needing a two-thirds vote for passage.

In an interview Friday, March 16, Foothill College President and Campaign Director Thomas Clements discussed some of the issues and benefits surrounding Measure A.

SENTINEL: What has the Measure A campaign succeeded in accomplishing so far?

CLEMENTS: It has accomplished a great deal, I think. We have people in both colleges working with special groups. For instance, the football coaches are contacting all of their former players that live in the area. We also have a lot more people signing up to walk precincts. Dental Hygiene will walk as a group. The general feeling is that we've had remarkable response, with 35 percent of the people we have contacted being yes votes and 8 percent no, and there are more undecided voters leaning in a positive direction. Political Consultant Sandy Weiner is feeling very positive. We would like to bolster precinct walking, which is always the toughest.

SENTINEL: If Measure A passes, will the District come out ahead?

CLEMENTS: Clearly, yes. We would receive \$3.6 million per year over the next four years. It would not be deducted from state apportionment funds. Based on the current funding, it will be the only capital available to us.

SENTINEL: Why is Measure A crucial to the District?

CLEMENTS: At this moment, we have approximately \$5 to \$5 million in areas on deferred maintenance, especially roof and building repairs. It is unreasonable not to keep buildings in a reasonable state of repair. Instructional equipment is out of date. We have programs losing accreditation because of it. It is absolutely essential.

SENTINEL: Have there been any polls showing how voters stand on Measure A?

CLEMENTS: Thus far there have been two polls conducted by a national polling firm. The first poll showed 90 percent of the people felt the community colleges were having financial troubles. It also

showed 64 percent would support a District tax measure. In the second poll, 65 percent said they would support a District tax measure, after the actual measure was read to them over the telephone. The challenge has been to get the word out that we are still in financial trouble. That is the major thrust of our campaign.

SENTINEL: How strong has the campaign against Measure A been?

CLEMENTS: Up to this point, all we've had is the [United Taxpayers Inc. of Santa Clara] opposition statement. Our feeling is that if they are going to come out, they'll come out now. Any organized opposition has not been evident so far.

SENTINEL: The United Taxpayers have written two arguments against Measure A. In the first, they state, "Why are the college trustees proposing additional buildings and enlargement of existing buildings?" Where do they get this statement?

CLEMENTS: The law itself does not allow you to build additional buildings, but the Board has made it very clear we will not be doing this. We will be making repairs and doing some renovation. It is a fallacious argument because the Board and everyone else involved in it has said we are not going to build.

SENTINEL: The United Taxpayers argument states that the District "bitterly fought tuition." What about that?

CLEMENTS: I think it is accurate to say that no one in the District wanted tuition, but our Board realized that a rational compromise was necessary. They supported a compromise with an appropriate sunset clause. It is simply an inaccurate statement.

SENTINEL: Is it correct that people in the District would be paying the tax in the residential category, and how much would they pay on the average?

CLEMENTS: The average resident in the District resides on a quarter-acre parcel and they would pay \$25. In the hills area it would be about \$60, and people owning condominiums would be paying \$15.

Group opposes 'A'

By JOHN RADEBOLD

Unlike the campaign for passage of Measure A, opponents are not waging a low-key campaign: nonexistent is more like it.

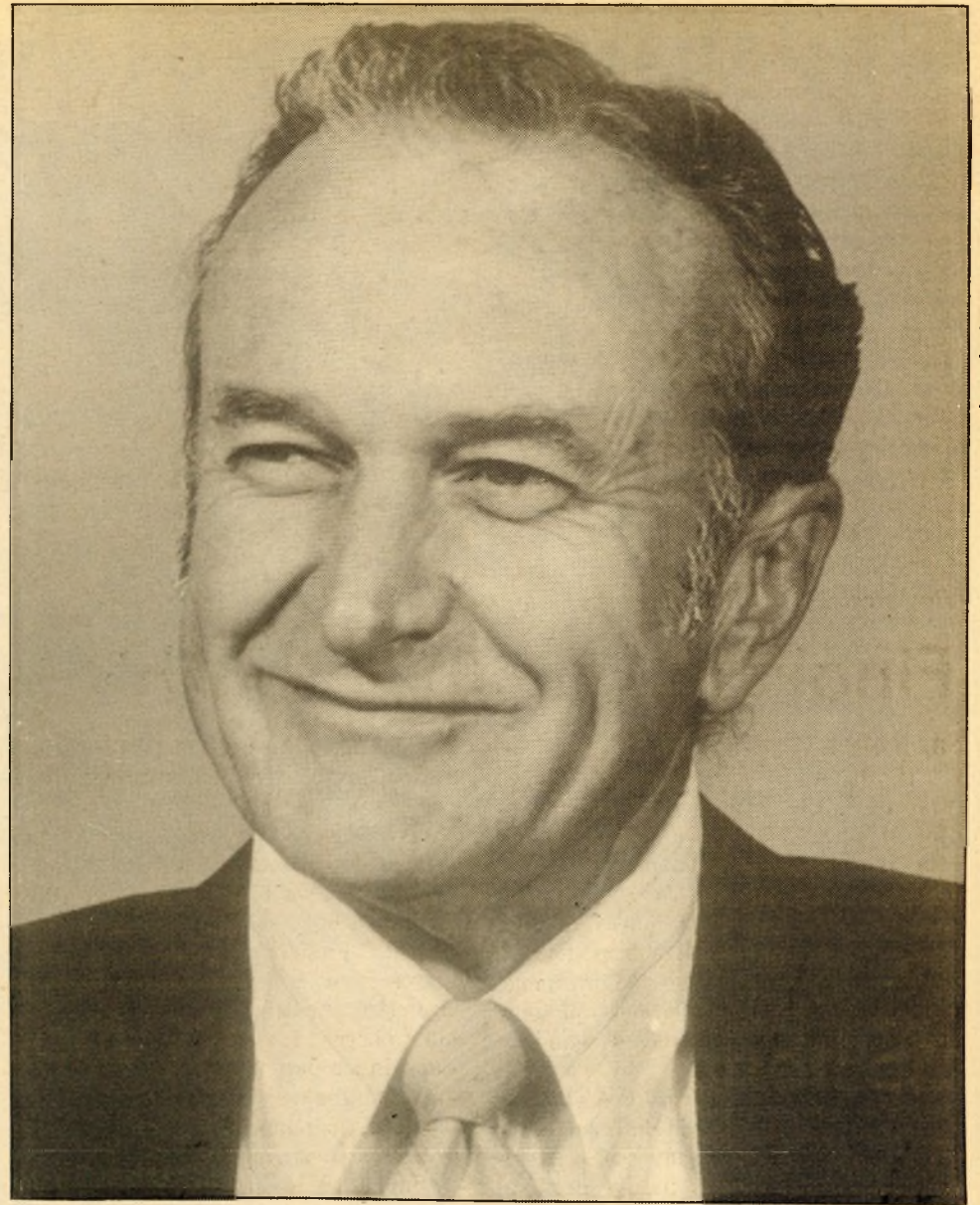
The United Taxpayers, Inc. of Santa Clara is the only organized opposition to Measure A. But it seems that the only thing they have done in their "campaign" against Measure A is to write two one page arguments against the measure that will appear on the ballot along with arguments in favor.

The group has a post office box in San Jose and a telephone connected to an answering machine. However, despite numerous messages left on their

machine, the group failed to respond to SENTINEL inquiries.

The United Taxpayers' main argument against the measure (according to their one page statement) is that since tuition will begin in the fall, additional monies for the District are not needed. They also state that "California provides \$30 million in state taxes" for community colleges. The group feels this is enough.

Their statement ends with an appeal to property owners: "... you are being asked to bear a disproportionate share of the burden to support these colleges..." The group urges a "resounding no" on Measure A.



Foothill College President Thomas Clements

SENTINEL: The United Taxpayers statement says that if preventive maintenance and the funds to implement it had been provided over the past 20 years, the need for improvement would not be here now. Isn't that specifically one of the reasons for having a special tax election?

CLEMENTS: Correct. Up until June 1978, maintenance was up to par. In 1978, with the passage of Proposition 13, we started getting into a bind. We had to maintain enrollment with progressively less money. Since then, we have lost 37 percent of our management staff, 25 percent of our classified personnel and 15 percent of our full-time teachers. But at the same time, student enrollment has remained consistent. When Prop. 13 went through, we laid off 50 full-time maintenance employees. In order to keep the place floating, we've cut back to bone and muscle right now. Our Board and management has been very prudent in spending our money. We didn't have the choice to maintain facilities as we would have liked. Before recent legislative action, we had lost 30 percent of our budget from before Prop. 13. Right now we're at about a 25 percent loss.

SENTINEL: What about the United Taxpayers suggestion to lease updated equipment?

CLEMENTS: We do lease some. Most companies will not let you flat out lease. You cannot just lease everything. It is not an efficient way of spending money. You cannot lease/purchase everything. It would be a ridiculous rate to lease, even if you could.

SENTINEL: The United Taxpayers argument seems to assume that tuition will double the colleges financing.

CLEMENTS: Essentially it could never double funding for any college. Basically we'll get a \$200,000 increase on a \$55 million budget. Tuition will not be going up, and it will sunset.

SENTINEL: The United Taxpayers also claim the tax will never be repealed if it is passed. Is this true?

CLEMENTS: The tax itself can be voted out. It will take a two-thirds vote to approve it. It can be voted out by a majority vote after four years. A sample of our community showed that they preferred to have the opportunity to vote it in or out after four years.

SENTINEL: What do you believe the United Taxpayers' motivation is for opposing Measure A?

CLEMENTS: I understand that they oppose every tax increase in the county. It would appear they are just philosophically opposed to any form of tax increase.

SENTINEL: Is there anything I neglected to ask or that you would like to mention?

CLEMENTS: Measure A will be a direct and beneficial payoff for students, the community and the faculty. Our major concern is to provide necessary equipment for our students, which equates to our community. It is also a shot in the arm for our staff, with the enthusiasm of teaching with up to date equipment. It will improve a high-quality and well thought of institution which we take great pride in. We do not want to do a second rate job, and I don't think our community wants us to.

Student experiences the joys of precinct walking

The brave little button on my shirt said, "I'm an A helper and it's fun!" It obviously felt a lot braver than I did as I reached for my first doorbell. RRRRing. Dogs barking everywhere. I felt as if all the neighbors were peeking out their windows and wondering, "What's she trying to sell?"

Two old ladies opened the door and held back their dogs while I told them about Measure A and asked them if they would support it. They told me that they were old and didn't have much money and could barely afford their bills. I asked, "Does that mean yes or undecided?" They told me it meant no.

Well, I felt pretty bad. My first house, and I got a no. I looked at my folder with its computer printouts of all the addresses I had to go to and realized that I was not going to change the world that afternoon.

I was one of about 15 people who had volunteered to spend Sunday, March 18 on a precinct walk for Measure A. We met in a room at the old Mountain View High School. There we were given a map of the neighborhood we were to walk in and a folder full of brochures, vote-by-mail forms, volunteer cards and lists of houses we were to visit. The instructions were fairly simple: introduce yourself, explain the measure, ask if they support it and mark their answer on your list. Don't argue, we were told. If they say no, just thank them and leave.

I noticed that of the 15 or so volunteers, there were only three of us that were what I would call young. Some of these people looked like grandparents — most were over 40. Perhaps, I thought, all the young people walked on other days. But still I thought it was strange that there were not more student-types out working for their college.



I drove out to my neighborhood with Paul Setziol, a music instructor at De

Anza, and his young son Ivan. I had the odd numbers and they had even. Paul

said he had never done anything like this before either. We wished each other good luck and arranged to meet back at the car at 4 o'clock.

Of course, not all the houses I went to were as disappointing as that first one. I met several teachers who were enthusiastic about the measure, including one from Canada College who wondered why his district was not doing something similar. One young voter was in the street having a water balloon fight when I approached him (the dangers we precinct walkers face). He said he was going to go to Foothill next year and thought that it would be nice if the buildings were repaired when he got there.

Some people, who seemed to be homeowners, asked me if I was a property owner thinking, I guess, that if I wasn't then I wouldn't suffer as they would if a tax were imposed. I told them that I wasn't, but that I paid my landlady's taxes in a form called rent. They were usually undecided.

Other people, renters probably, said that since they weren't property owners the measure did not apply to them and so they hadn't taken an interest in it. I explained that as members of the community it certainly did apply to them and that they should be sure to vote.

All in all, the precinct walk was a lot of fun. After the first few houses my nerves settled down and I was able to enjoy the fine weather and the pretty gardens. I even picked up some advice on azaleas from an old man who was working in his yard. I was very happy to have helped with the Measure A campaign, but the part I liked best was walking in a neighborhood and talking to the people who live there.

—Teresa Evans

Photo by Mark Dodson

Long term improvements planned

Students to gain from Measure A

By ISABELLE KARCHER

If measure A passes, Foothill College students will benefit from it immediately.

Dean of Students Richard F. Charles, Associate Dean of Students Raul R. Felix and ASFC President Leslie Fay have said the need for Measure A to pass is great.

According to Charles, Foothill College buildings, especially the heating and ventilation system, the roofs and electrical wiring are going to deteriorate badly unless they can be repaired soon.

"Until now, Foothill College has been surviving through this attrition. The District is frustrated when it requests Sacramento for funds that are not sufficient to meet their needs," Charles said.

With the money Measure A will provide, not only will Foothill be able to maintain the buildings in decent shape, but also to make them more cost efficient. For instance, the solarization of the Campus Center will make the college less utilities-dependent than it is now, which is not negligible in consideration of the ever-increasing cost of living.

Foothill College has not yet lost any students, but without computers to facilitate the paper flow and the proper staff, it may not be in the position to keep up to its standards.

As an analogy, Charles used the loading dock on Campus: "There is a large wooden bumper that butts up. The wood disintegrates. The cost of replacing it now is minor. If we wait, the cement behind will start to crack, and repair costs will be 50 times greater. In the present situation, we are on the edge of this kind of board."

Charles said, "We are living in the most important technological area in the world; we need the technology to prepare students to work."

In addition, Felix pointed out, Measure A will affect the community directly and indirectly.

Projects such as an elevator for the disabled in the Campus Center, upgraded kitchen facilities, computerized electronic fire and surveillance security systems are pluses for the students.

However, Foothill College being an official shelter site in case of state or national disaster, it is also planned to remodel the buildings so that they are safe shelters, and to equip the Campus with an emergency electrical output.

"There is no other way for us besides Measure A to set up such long-term improvements," Felix said.

Another important aspect of Measure A mentioned by Fay is the local control that it will give the community.

"Measure A was made out of necessity," Fay said. "Tuitions were a poor attempt to replace the wear and the tear that we used to keep with with."

The impact on students will be instantly apparent, according to Fay. Teachers were all asked in each division to turn in a sheet of what they needed. They know what students need. The more Foothill College will be able to purchase, the less the students' expenditures will be.

"If everybody is willing to listen to us, enough money will be raised to satisfy every department's need," Fay said.

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The SENTINEL welcomes all letters. They must be typewritten (double-spaced), 300 words or less, and be signed. Please include phone number so that points of information can be verified.

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HQ base at historic site

By PAUL LIU

The buildings at 640 Castro Street in Mountain View no longer house a high school. Cuts in educational funding forced the school to close in June 1981. Today, in room 10, once the school library, the campaign for Measure A has its headquarters.

"An off-campus site was chosen to separate the political organization from [Foothill-De Anza College] District activities," said political consultant Sandy Weiner. "Space was available here and the location is centralized."

The shelves which at one time stored books for inquisitive high school students now serve to organize the materials which may enable the libraries of Foothill and De Anza colleges to fill their own shelves. It seems ironic that the efforts to gain financial support for one district are conducted from the halls of an institution which another district was forced to close.

Orderly stacks of campaign materials are situated on the desk and tables around the headquarters. "They've got this well organized," said volunteer Carl Fisher, a Foothill College accounting instructor. "Some faculty members help by working on the phone banks [in search of support in the community], and I'm here sending out their follow-up messages."

"These are very personalized touches," added Fisher. "I think the phone bank is an excellent idea because the voters will realize that we're human beings down here. Then, we try to keep in touch by following up right away."

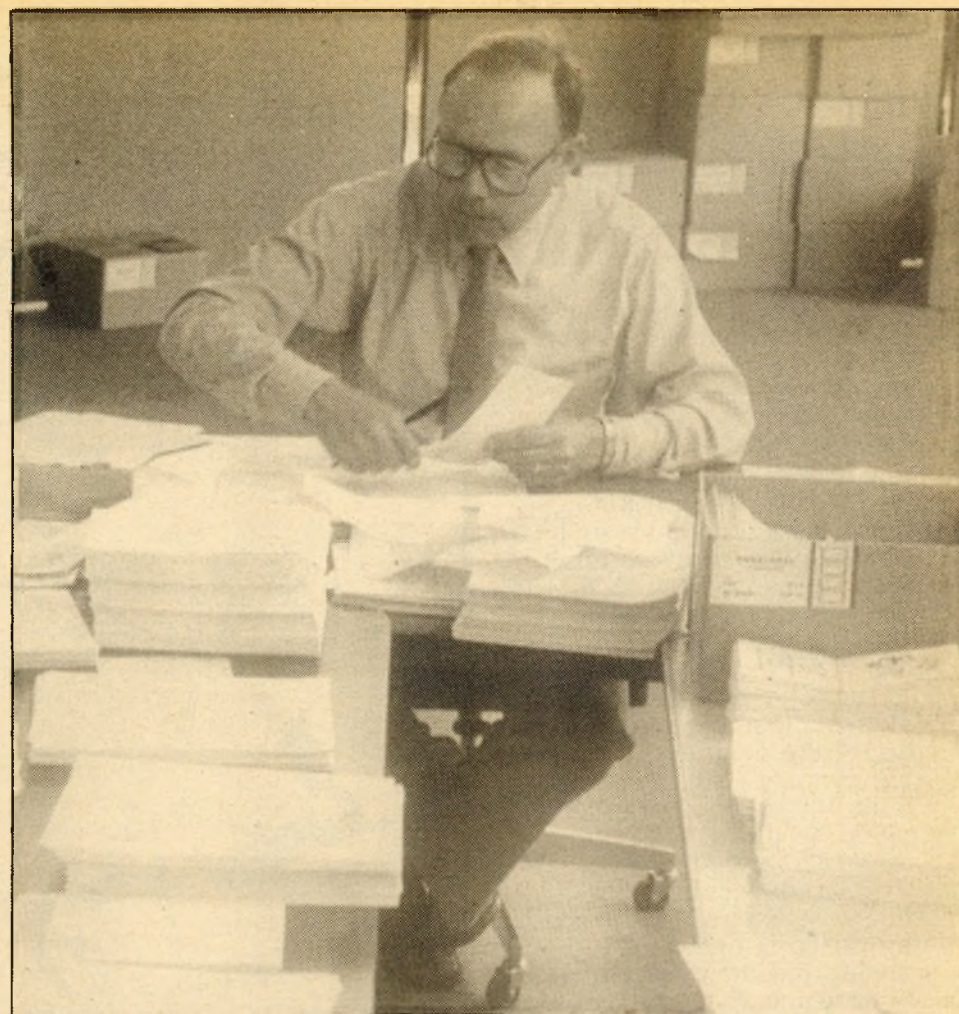
"There really is no pressure on any of us," said Fisher. "The working atmosphere here is very pleasant and it is a nice feeling knowing that this is for the benefit of the entire campus. We're sort of protecting an investment, and what a beautiful investment it is."

"The public response has been excellent," explained Weiner. "When the response is good, the people helping the campaign are going to feel good, also."

"It's been miraculous how problems smooth out around here," exclaimed another volunteer, Paula Gordon. "Eventually, everything gets done. I just fulfill whatever duties need to be finished."

"I've attended both colleges," continued Gordon. "This campaign is both worthwhile and important to me."

Room 10 is part of District history, Wiener noted. "Apparently, the first meeting held to discuss the formation of the Foothill College District took place in this room when it was the school library."



Foothill accounting instructor Carl Fisher at the Measure A headquarters.

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Photo by Paul Liu

Foothill students dedicate time on Measure A

By GEORGI HIGUERAS

Measure A is a major issue on the April 10 ballot and much work and time must go into the campaign to ensure its passage.

Three Foothill students who have dedicated their time to work on the "Yes on A" campaign and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead are Karen Head, Duane Rutledge and Bruce Jett.

Head is president of the Foothill Democrats Club and was recently elected as Senior Senator to the Associated Students of Foothill College Campus Council. She is working on the campaign with her club. "We gave out literature on Measure A at our Foothill Democrats booth at the Foothill flea market Saturday [March 17]. From our concession stand proceeds, approximately \$75 will go to Measure A. I also made sure every one of our members wore 'Yes on A' buttons."

Head intends to devote even more time to the campaign during spring break. "I plan on working for hours and hours. I'm proud to say that out of a list of 25 people interested in the Foothill democrats, 50 percent have helped out with phone banking and precinct walking. And they aren't even full-fledged members yet."

Head has confidence in herself and her club's ability to make a difference in the campaign's outcome. "I know that students can make a difference in this and if I keep putting out effort, I know it will pass. In the future, part of the reason Foothill will be so great and beautiful will be because of my efforts and those of other students on Measure A."

"I hate to see this campus deteriorate. It is so beautiful; we shouldn't let it go downhill. I think the people with property around here can afford to pay," Head said.

Head believes the state has a responsibility to its community colleges. "I'd like to see Measure A as an example for the rest of the state. The state should be funding the maintenance and most of everything else. I wish we could have a governor that wouldn't force districts to pay to upkeep their colleges. We shouldn't have to rely on districts."

Duane Rutledge is current president of the Progressive Black Student Alliance, Vice President of Organizations and Organizations Board of Directors Chairman. Rutledge has big plans for Measure A on Saturday, March 24.

"Saturday is Student Mobilization Day. It will consist of mobilizing students together for a common goal: to get as many voters as possible on April 10 to vote yes on the Measure A ballot."

"We will be precinct walking, telephone banking and stuffing envelopes. We want to show students that working together we can accomplish a great deal. Not working together we can lose a great deal," stated Rutledge.

"I want to help because education is a right to any student who wants it," continued Rutledge. "Maintenance of the school, for instance, shouldn't be an expense taken on by the student. The community is helped by education, so the community should help education. One hand washes the other."

Rutledge estimates that he will have spent approximately 120 hours working on Measure A by the time the election is over. He does not believe that it will interfere with his schoolwork. "In order for me to continue to have school work, we must have Measure A. Measure A is

very important. I have time to study and I have time to devote to the campaign, too. We all do if we just take the time," he emphasized.

Bruce Jett, vice president of administration and student trustee, has been working since the middle of February and has no intention of stopping until April 10. "I've been trying to get student involvement through clubs and personal one on one contact. I've walked pre-

cincts, done phone banking, and I'm working on possibly getting endorsements from the merchants helping with the OWL Card marketing program."

Jett hopes for the passage of Measure A "because of the benefits and opportunities it will provide for the students of this college in the future."

"Another reason I'm involved is because it's an exciting experience to be working on a campaign. I will probably get involved in other campaigns and this experience will help. I've met a lot of interesting people. It's been exciting and fun," said Jett.

While Jett was speaking, a woman came up and asked him what she could do to help because she didn't want to be an apathetic student. Pleasantly surprised, Jett gave her the needed information. "It's really uplifting to have someone you don't know come and offer help. It's great that someone does care," commented Jett.

Although these students and others are accomplishing a great deal, help is still needed at Measure A campaign headquarters through April 10. Prospective volunteers should contact Bruce Jett or call campaign headquarters at 916-4810.

Campaigning by telephone

By DAVE MAUCH

I entered the administration building and made my way to the conference room. I was there to participate as a member of the "phone bank" for an evening. I soon found out that there is more to calling up prospective voters than I had thought.

"The prime goal when on the phone," as explained to me by Paula Gordon, a member of the Measure A campaign staff, "is to project an attitude of caring and to sound friendly, encouraging and personable. Many people," she continued, "are turned off by phone salespeople. Therefore, it is important to maintain a positive attitude on the phone."

I was given a brief pep talk and instructions on how to go about convincing people to vote and what to say in favor of Measure A. Then I was put in front of a phone. I figured that most people would be unwilling to even hear me out, so I approached my task from that standpoint.

The first few phone calls were the most difficult. I had to teach myself not to keep someone on the line without being pushy or abrasive. After awhile, though, I got the hang of it and ended up at the end of the evening with a total of 32 "yes" votes pledged.

I left the phone bank with a feeling of achievement in my bones, and I pledged to myself to walk some precincts the next weekend.

Questions and Answers On Measure A

Q. Why is Foothill-De Anza requesting a special local tax?

A. In the past 5½ years, per student funding for our colleges has declined by 25%. We are below every college, university, and school district in our area. We are now 12% below funding for the San Jose Unified School District.

Equally important is the fact that over the past 5½ years we have been forced to operate under *eight* different state-imposed "plans" for community college finance. Plan Nine, with yet another set of new rules, will come down from Sacramento in a few months.

Such chaos makes planning, stable operations, or even rational retrenchment impossible.

Inevitably, under these conditions, the colleges' physical plants, facilities, and instructional equipment (used by more than 40,000 residents each quarter) have deteriorated. In spite of the colleges' best efforts, roofs are leaking into classrooms; laboratory and classroom equipment is aging and obsolescent; libraries are overcrowded and short of up-to-date books and reference materials.

Many buildings and facilities are almost 25 years old and require major upkeep and repair.

Q. Didn't the state recently provide adequate funding for community colleges?

A. No. The state merely saved the colleges from imminent financial disaster.

Q. What about the new student tuition? Won't that solve the problem?

A. No. The state imposed a fixed, state-controlled \$33.33 per academic quarter fee and at the same time eliminated 10 local option fees including lab fees and student health fees. The overall net difference between the state-controlled fee and the lost local fees is less than 1% of Foothill-De Anza's budget.

Also, the state *mandated* that \$700,000 in student health services previously paid for from the local health fee be maintained regardless of overall funds available to the District.

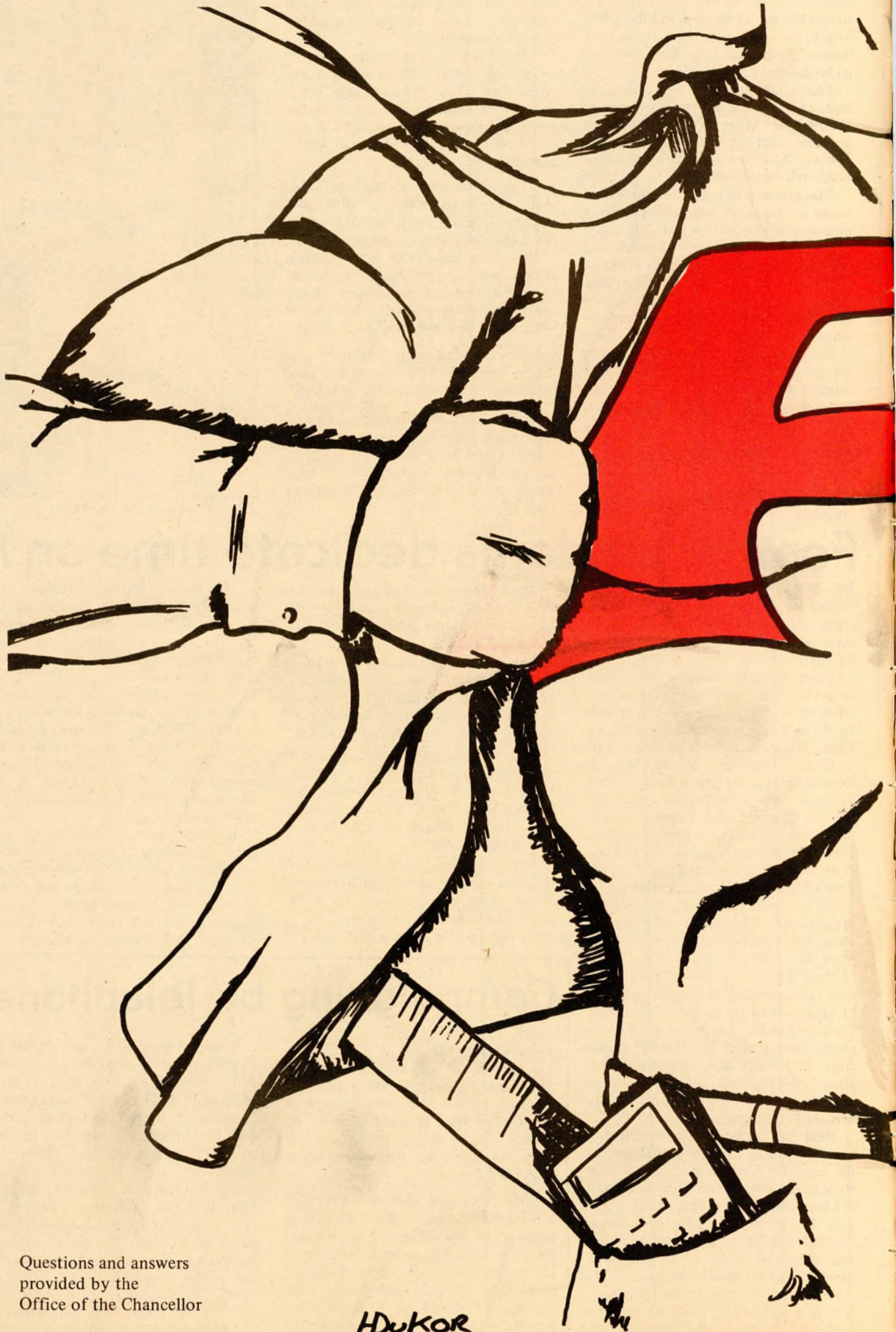
Q. What will funds from Measure A be used for?

A. Funds will be used for the *limited* purposes of preserving, maintaining, and improving District owned or operated facilities and the campuses of both De Anza and Foothill Colleges

Q. What will funds from Measure A NOT be used for?

A. By law, they cannot be used for general college operating expenses, including salaries and benefits.

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- Q. How much would property owners pay?
- A. Residential property owners would pay between \$15 and \$60 per year depending on the size of their lot, with the average being \$25 per year. Owners of business properties would pay between \$75 and \$375 per year. *By law, none of these rates can be increased.* The exact schedule is below.

Type of Lot	Square Footage	Annual Rate Per Lot
I. Residential,	1-5,000	\$ 15
agricultural or	5,001-10,000	25
vacant	10,001-20,000	40
	Over 20,000	60
II. Commercial or	1-5,000	75
industrial	5,001-10,000	125
	10,001-20,000	200
	20,001-50,000	300
	Over 50,000	375

- Q. How much more funding will Measure A provide?
- A. Measure A will bring in an estimated \$3.6 million per year.
- Q. How will the local community retain control of the special tax?
- A. The measure provides that the tax can be reduced or repealed at any time by the District's locally elected Board of Trustees. When it placed the measure on the ballot, the Board pledged that when the funds are no longer needed, the Board itself will reduce or repeal the tax.
- Q. But suppose the Trustees think the money is still needed. How else can the community control this tax?
- A. Written into the official language of the measure is the requirement that the Board of Trustees *must* hold an election every four years to give the voters the option to repeal the tax by a simple majority.
- Q. What about Proposition 13? Would Measure A run counter to that effort?
- A. No. In keeping with Prop. 13, Measure A requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for approval. And the fixed tax rates are not based on property values, which is prohibited by Prop. 13.
- Q. If the special tax passes, won't the \$3.6 million the District expects to gain simply be deducted by the state from its allocation to Foothill-De Anza?
- A. No. By law, money raised by Measure A cannot be deducted from state allocations to the District.
- Q. If passed, will Measure A solve all the community colleges' financial problems?
- A. No. Foothill-De Anza budgets total almost \$55 million per year, almost 80% of which is controlled by the state, and over the last 5½ years, the state has changed the finance rules every 8 months on the average. However, the \$3.6 million raised locally can be dependably planned for and used to maintain quality levels now threatened by deterioration of equipment and physical plant.
- Q. If passed on April 10, when would Measure A take effect?
- A. July 1, 1984.

Foothill faculty works up 'wish list'

By JENNEFER PITTMAN

In an effort to organize the needs of each departmental division, Bernadine Chuck Fong, dean of instruction, met with Foothill College division chairpersons who gave her prioritized lists of each division's needs.

The division heads' prioritized requests make up a cumulative report called the "Master Capital List" which totals \$9,035,984.

Annually the divisions are asked to turn in their requests, but this year, with Measure A on the ballot and the possibility of more capital coming into the Foothill budget, there are more requests being stated, Fong explained.

"The average capital list would total about \$100,000 to \$200,000," Fong said. "This list is larger and more comprehensive."

"The capital list is a wish list," Fong said, "but also a potential donations list. We're hoping to find companies which will equip certain departments with materials."

"Members of the faculty are writing proposals to various companies," she said. "Possible donations will go to the automation system for the library, equipment

for the radiologic and technology division and the engineering technology division."

"The photography department's needs are also high and we're writing proposals for equipment to companies such as Polaroid and Kodak," Fong said.

Steve Kiser, photography instructor, said that they were putting out "general feelers" in the hope of finding a computer system.

"We have already received a large processor worth about \$20,000 from Photographics in Palo Alto," Kaiser said, "and a \$1,000 mat cutter."

"Besides a brand new darkroom," Kiser continued, "Marion Patterson [photography instructor] is working on proposals for a donation for an image enhancement computer."

In the engineering technology division, Roy Kratzer, division chair and Raymond Dong, assistant division chair, are writing proposals for a donation of a CAD/CAM computer terminal system.

"We're not at liberty to say where it's coming from yet," Kratzer said, "but we're looking to Lockheed, IBM and Burroughs."

MASTER CAPITAL LIST - DIVISION TOTALS

Administrative Services/Registrar	\$390,100
Biology and Health Sciences	1,056,700
Child Care Center	100,000
Computer Information Systems/Telecommunications/Business	698,353
Fine Arts	1,659,000
Language Arts	\$57,300
Library Services	661,455
Physical Education	327,750
Physical Sciences & Engineering Technology	1,324,500
Social Sciences	36,000
Student Services	808,171
Instructional Services	1,382,771

On the master capital list, Dong requests a CAD/CAM system costing \$800,000.

"He's looking at a system with ten terminals," Kratzer said. "I'd love to have it, but I'm taking a more realistic approach. Companies only have so much money to give away and most of them have already planned out their budget for this fiscal year."

"I'm shooting for a CAD/CAM program that has a minimum of six terminals and costs about \$500,000," Kratzer

said. "There is a hesitancy in industry now serve to organize the materials which

They believe that the students in four-year colleges will be more involved and promising than our students. We're trying to educate them."

"Having a company donate equipment is beneficial to the company," Fong says. "Our students are trained on their machines with their materials and that allows them to gain experience which is valuable to that particular company."

Community colleges : educational opportunities for all

By EDWARD COOK

Vicky Reynolds, a 23-year-old dental hygienist, graduated from the Foothill Dental Hygiene program last year. She said that her education at Foothill helped her to easily find a satisfying and well-paying job with a Cupertino dentist.

"I received a super education in the program at Foothill," Reynolds said. "It was great. One of the most positive things about Foothill is the variety of vocational programs available and the guarantee that afterwards you'll get a job with a good income." Reynolds adds that she "would definitely advise potential students to come to Foothill."

Reynolds is a good example of the sort of student Foothill College Dean of Instruction Bernadine Chuck Fong thinks community colleges should be available for.

Fong said the purpose of the community college is "to provide educational opportunities for all adults." She said that a community college should provide "opportunities for improving one's citizenship and one's ability to be a more responsible community member."

"That," Fong said, "is important, just as is giving a student who is right out of high school the opportunity to get and experience higher education that will either lead on to a four year institution or to a career directly from Foothill."

Some Foothill officials say that whether the Foothill-De Anza Community College District can continue to uphold this philosophy is uncertain. The past few years have not been easy on the 107-campus statewide system. In 1978 the passage of Proposition 13 resulted in drastically reduced funding from the state level.



More recently, since the election of Governor Deukmejian, there have been continued efforts to cut community college funding from Sacramento even more.

In response, the financially strapped Foothill-De Anza District will hold a special election on April 10 when voters of the District will be asked to support a property tax initiative known as Measure A. Revenues from the new tax (which would average \$25 per year for

homeowners and up to \$375 per year for businesses) would fund capital improvement and expenditures on the two campuses.

Cevan Forristt, 24, spent three years as a part time student at Foothill. He has since transferred to San Jose State University where he is an Art History major. There seems to be no question in the minds of Reynolds and Forristt that their relationship with the college has been a very important and positive one.

Forristt was an Ornamental Horticulture major at Foothill and feels his education on the community college level was "excellent." Forristt said he felt very well prepared for upper division classes at San Jose State after Foothill. "The instructors in the ornamental horticulture department were very supportive," he added, "and were a motivational factor for me."

"I have discovered my education at Foothill was very comprehensive," Forristt said.

In referring to people like Reynolds and Forristt, Dean of Instruction Fong said, "California has a history of having good public education at all levels, kindergarten through graduate level at the UC system. Our track record says we do very well."

"There are problems at Foothill with trying to remain current and provide students with an education that is up to date," Fong said. "We have an extensive list of needed capital improvements and each academic division has been solicited for a list of proposed capital expenditures. We have not yet prioritized these," Fong said. She cited obsolete equipment in the photography lab and said, "Equipment in the radiologic technology and radiation therapy labs is so outmoded we no longer even use it." [Reynolds also had mentioned that much of the equipment in the dental hygiene lab was out of date and said most work area units did not even have a working vacuum system (suction) when she was a student.]

Fong remains optimistic, however. "In California," she said, "concern about education at all levels is rising again. The community is very supportive of the community college system." For starters, Fong predicts Measure A will pass on April 10.

Study records profile of average students

By KENNARD GRAY

The average student in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District is 30.2 years old; this information comes from the most recent longitudinal study conducted by Dr. Robert Walker. The study was done in the fall of 1982. "The purpose of the study was to gather information about Foothill-De Anza students," said Walker. Some of the information obtained included the following: age, sex, residence, cultural characteristics, enrollment patterns, academic background, course of study and student concerns.

The study showed that of the 15,315 students surveyed, approximately 23 percent are 20 years old or younger, and 18 percent are 40 years old or older. "Foothill's age distribution is slightly younger than De Anza's," said Walker. "Both survey and registration data indicated

that the ratio of females to males is approximately 55/45 with no statistically significant variation between campuses or between day and evening students." According to the survey, students attending Foothill and De Anza are mostly district residents.

In regards to race the data shows that the Asian population is significantly larger at De Anza (12 percent) than at Foothill (9 percent). Conversely, the black population at Foothill (4.3 percent) is larger than De Anza (2.3 percent). Approximately 70 percent of the population at both colleges is white.

"During the fall quarter of 1983 projections showed that 36 percent of the registered students were enrolled in 12 units or more of coursework and were considered full-time students," said

Walker, adding that 64 percent were part-time students. However, this information proved slightly inaccurate according to Walker because quarter end data compiled by the registration office indicated an 85/15 ratio of full-time students to part-time. "The only viable explanation of this major difference results in the fact that the registration data is refined until the quarter end and accommodates all course drops and adds, while the longitudinal study projection was based on first week registration plans."

As for student goals and reasons for attending college, 23 percent hoped to transfer with an Associate Degree, while 18 percent said they were taking courses for personal enrichment. Other reasons included: those planning to transfer without an Associate Degree (11 percent); those planning to develop occupational

skills (12 percent); those seeking to improve occupational skills (10 percent); those planning to complete an Associate Degree in a vocational field (8 percent); and those planning to obtain a vocational certificate (4 percent).

Of the students surveyed, nearly 50 percent said they planned to work 30 hours or more per week while taking classes. "Only 14 percent indicated they had no plans to work," said Walker.

Students were asked to outline specific factors which might affect their success in college. A summary of the results from the 15,315 surveys gathered indicated major concerns over the following: finances (25 percent); work (20 percent); choosing a career (20 percent); math skills (17 percent); and choosing a major (17 percent).

Buildings on decline

By ROBERT STOWE

With buildings that are rapidly deteriorating, Foothill-De Anza Community Colleges are waiting with suppressed hopes that Measure A will become a reality on April 10.

"The buildings on Campus are close to 25 years old," Mal Leal, operations supervisor of Foothill-De Anza colleges said. "People have to realize that time has gradually chipped away at roofs, plumbing and doors; equipment that is now outdated and inefficient has to be replaced."

Repairs that will begin immediately if Measure A passes include: De Anza—replacement of hot water heating system A loop; replacement of hot water heating system at building S-2; re-roof PE buildings 4 and 5; re-roof buildings F-4, 5 and 6; re-roof childcare center classrooms. Total cost at De Anza: \$126,125. Foothill—roofbeam and gutter repair; re-roof gymnasiums G-1 and G-2; replace rotted exterior doors; treat exterior walls; re-roof P-2, a physical science classroom; re-roof library. Total cost at Foothill: \$626,855. Total for both campuses: \$752,980.

"These are repairs that we need to take care of as soon as possible," Leal said. "The longer we wait, the more expensive the repairs become."

Long term goals that the maintenance department have planned include: a new athletic field, re-roofing of existing buildings at both Foothill and De Anza, replacing all of the hot water pipes at De Anza, replacing gas lines as needed at both campuses, overhauling the seven air conditioning chillers at De Anza, replastering the swimming pools at Foothill and De Anza, replacing the telephone switching system at Foothill, replacing the swimming pool pump and motor at Foothill, replacing gutters, laminating beams, replacing exterior doors and treating the exterior walls at Foothill. The Cusak House at Foothill needs a new roof (this will not be used by students, but for storage), new storage facilities for Plant and Material Services Central Services, new storage facilities for equipment and paving the Plant Services yard.

"Currently, Foothill is undergoing a technical audit to try to get matching funds from the state," Leal said. "There



Photo by Paul Liu

If the wooden bumpers on this loading dock are not promptly replaced, trucks will start chipping away at the concrete.

are many projects that the state will help pay for. One of the main areas will be in energy conservation," Leal said.

"Foothill will be able to get a rebate from PG&E if we [Plant Services] are able to put in the equipment that will save energy and money for the District."

"Right now we are understaffed,"

Leal said, "not because there are not any qualified applicants, but because there isn't enough money to hire people. When Prop. 13 passed, we had to cut personnel. We're doing the best we can with the money we have, but we can give greater service, keep the plant running well and proceed with the projects that are essential if we get the money."

Semans Library planning automated book check-out

By RANDY RALSTIN

Foothill College's Semans Library has a lot to gain with the passage of Measure A. If the tax initiative is approved, the library will be able to accommodate the students in a more effective manner, compared to its present endeavors.

On April 10, 1984, registered voters in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District will be able to show their approval or disapproval of Measure A. (The District includes all of Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Cupertino and Los Altos Hills, and small portions of the cities of Santa Clara, San Jose and Saratoga.)

The measure, if approved by a two-thirds vote, will provide \$3.6 million to be used for repair and maintenance of school buildings and for the purchase of library books and other miscellaneous equipment.

According to Reference Librarian George Bruguera, the money received by the library will go directly to the repairs of the leaking roof.

"The building is over 25 years old and is in much need of repairs and new furniture," said Bruguera. "The students deserve proper furniture to aid them in their studies. We want the students to have the proper atmosphere and convenience to study as if they were at home."

The lighting is another concern of the library. According to Bruguera, the lights must be lowered several feet in order to give students the proper lighting needed to do their reading.

The automation of books is the library's biggest goal if the measure is passed. Currently there are over 100,000

books in the library, including magazines and reference information.

The current means of checking out books is much too slow to assist the student effectively. With automation, each book will receive a bar code which will be stored in a main computer. When the student wishes to check out a book, it is handed to the librarian who passes the bar code over an infra-red light, informing the computer of the transaction taking place.

In front of each librarian will be a terminal, used for receiving the student's social security number. Once the number is punched in, all the information concerning that student will appear on the screen. This information will be used in informing the librarian of any unreturned books or fines not paid.

"All the information is confidential," said Bruguera. "Only the librarian will be able to receive this information."

Bruguera feels this system will allow librarians, who once were spending their time sending out "over-due slips," the time to show individual attention to students wanting assistance.

The automation process should be in operation by the fall of 1984, according to Bruguera. The system will have to have several terminals installed in various parts of the library which will be hooked up to the main computer.

With the addition of automation, Bruguera does not feel that the jobs of librarians are endangered. "The only reason we're changing this system is to accommodate the student more readily," commented Bruguera.

Campaign organization runs well

By JOHN W. GARNER

The goal of the Foothill-De Anza Taxpayers Association is to quietly help get the "yes" vote to the polls April 10 to pass Measure A, the special property tax initiative, according to campaign director Dr. Thomas Clements, president of Foothill College.

Measure A aims to preserve and maintain both Foothill and De Anza Colleges.

Since the measure is the only issue on the ballot in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Cupertino (Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View also have city council elections), only 20 percent of the 189,000 voters registered in the District are expected to vote.

Clements said the \$103,500 budget to finance the campaign was raised entirely from voluntary contributions from companies, citizens' groups and private individuals in Santa Clara county.

Campaign headquarters is room 10 at the Continuing Education Center, 650 Castro Street in Mountain View.

The Foothill-De Anza Taxpayers Association consists of about 500 volunteers.

The top of the organization consists of general campaign chairperson Dr.

Thomas Fryer, who is also Chancellor for the Foothill-De Anza District, and Clements. Both receive legal counsel from Peter Landsberger, District general counsel, political consultation from Measure A Political Consultant Sandy Weiner and accounting assistance from District Director of Business Services Mary Heeney.

From there the organization breaks down into several groups: the phone bank, precinct walkers, mailings, the speakers bureau, special groups and endorsement, Campus and community finance committees, "yes" vote lists and "dear friend" cards and voter registration.

Kaye McNaughton of Foothill's Counseling Center chairs the phone bank, which has the responsibility of phoning 70,000 registered voters, asking for their "yes" vote on Measure A. A survey predetermined these voters to be inclined toward a "yes" or "undecided" vote by a screening process, according to Clements. As of March 20, McNaughton said the phone bank had completed 16,000 contacts after going through the list of voters once.

John Freemuth, De Anza counselor, heads the precinct walking group, in which individuals go out on weekends and contact door-to-door the same 70,000 voters in the community to ask for the "yes" vote. Clements said studies have shown that this method alone produces a 6 to 8 percent higher vote count. Clements said this area was behind schedule and the most short of help. As of March 18, about half the 125 precincts had been covered and about 4,000 people contacted.

Betty Jo Popp, campaign headquarters coordinator and Edith Cunningham, executive assistant to De Anza President Dr. Robert DeHart, are in charge of mailings at headquarters and special interest group mailings at De Anza College, respectively. The preselected 70,000 voters will be reached again through three mailings, one of which has already been completed.

Dr. Richard Henning, dean of community services at Foothill, is chairman of the speakers bureau and arranges for speakers to talk to local citizens groups to

inform and encourage their support of the measure.

Special groups and endorsements, chaired by Mary Wallace Wheat, president of the District Board of Trustees, seeks endorsements and monetary contributions from different leaders, professionals and citizens throughout the college community.

The Campus and community financing committees, headed by Fryer and Barbara Kline, District special assistant to the chancellor, are in charge of budgeting the campaign.

The "yes" voting lists and "dear friend" cards group, chaired by De Anza Sociology Instructor Julie Nash, have been garnering "yes" vote commitments from families, relatives, and friends of those involved with the campaign.

Don Hogan, dean of student activities at De Anza, headed the voter registration drive, which officially ended March 13, the registration deadline for the April 10 election for Measure A. The drive registered an estimated 5,000 voters, according to Clements.

EOPS indirectly affected

By ELIZABETH SCHWARZ

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) has been available at Foothill for 16 years and it won't be affected by the passage of Measure A, according to EOPS Director Ismael Gonzales.

According to Gonzalez, the purpose of the EOPS program is to encourage enrollment and retention of students handicapped by language, economic, social and educational disadvantages.

Gonzalez said that EOPS provides students with financial assistance and supportive services (tutoring, book loans, assistance in transferring to four-year colleges and universities, peer assistance, recruitment and counseling services) necessary to assure educational success.

'Most of all we help students succeed in college.'

EOPS Resource Development Officer Raul Felix said that EOPS staff try to work as closely as possible with students so that they can feel that someone is caring for them. "In that way we increase the possibility of retaining those students rather than make them feel like quitting," said Felix.

"Most of all we help students succeed in college," said Gonzalez.

"Measure A, if accepted, won't affect the EOPS program," said Gonzalez. "Measure A money would go toward the maintenance and improvement of buildings and equipment rather than financial or educational aid."

Gonzalez said that the EOPS program is state funded and administered by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, and gets its money from both the state and from general District funding.

Gonzalez said that there may be an effect, although indirect, of Measure A on the EOPS. He said that it could be that money used from Measure A to improve the college could help free up other District monies which could then be used to assist in areas of need such as EOPS.

In that case, Gonzalez said, EOPS will use that money to give students bus coupons to get to school when they run out of money, to lend them money for emergencies, books, etc.

EOPS Specialist Ines Pardo agreed with Gonzalez in saying that Measure A will mainly help the maintenance of structures on campus.

"It may help the program with new equipment such as computers, which would save EOPS staff a lot of hassles with all the special data required by the state. Other than that, I don't see the program directly affected by Measure A," said Pardo.

According to Felix, "Measure A passage will be beneficial for students. It will help maintain the beauty of the campus, improve library service and offset money for other needed areas."

Felix added, "I have never seen the level of enthusiasm, commitment and self-sacrifice as I have seen in our staff and students with regard to Measure A passage, and I am particularly proud of ASFC students and their efforts in voter registration, fund raising and youthful exuberance in getting involved with this issue," said Felix.

Biomedical needs update

By SUSANNA SCHWEICKHARDT

The Biomedical Equipment Technology (BMET) program is not what it used to be, says Orval Ellsworth, BMET instructor and program founder. "We haven't had new equipment since Proposition 13."

Ellsworth may get relief soon if Measure A passes on April 10.

BMET moved from the biological and health sciences division to become part of engineering this year. Ellsworth calls the move "a cost-saving consolidation" rather than a cut.

'good audio-visual...could be a great value.'

BMET is a career-oriented program that trains students and technicians in the proper operation, care and maintenance of electronic instruments and monitors used in hospitals. It seems like a highly specialized field, but Ellsworth maintains that it is a valuable service to provide for hospitals. "The reason is that health care has become so dependent on sophisticated equipment," Ellsworth said. "Equipment maintenance has gone beyond the scope of most hospital maintenance departments."

The BMET department has a few instruments used in clinical labs and intensive care units, mostly donated from hospitals in the area. Unfortunately, most of these machines are obsolete. "Hospitals are in financial trouble just like community colleges," Ellsworth said. "They can't afford to give their equipment away."

The teaching staff as well as the equipment has taken a beating from the current financial situation. Before the passage of Prop. 13, the BMET program con-

sisted of four core courses in principles of operation and 12 specialty courses. The specialty courses covered preventative maintenance, calibration and repair; they were taught by part-time instructors who were full-time technicians. Most of the specialty courses took place at night in hospitals, which provided space for the classes as part of their service to the community.

Now, Ellsworth is the only instructor, teaching two classes every quarter. Each class comes around once a year and the whole program takes two years.

Ellsworth says the most needed thing in his department is "good audio-visual training material." The material includes tapes demonstrating use and care of equipment. "It could be of great value," Ellsworth said. "It's the next best thing to a lab." Ellsworth added that there is not enough hands-on experience for his students.

Right now there is no equipment budget for BMET classes. "For the last five years," Ellsworth said, "I have been bringing back all the paper clips I took home."

Enrollment in the program has remained steady over the last five years. Ellsworth says there is a variety of students in the program. "About one-third have an allied health background; another third are already instrument operators and the other are neither." The last third are "often people who already work in a hospital environment and have gotten burned out on direct patient care." The comprehensive BMET program at Foothill is the only one in Northern California.

Reduction in fees chip away at tuition gains

By PATRICIA PANE

Students may end up having to pay less for their education when the new tuition plan is implemented at Foothill College next fall. This was revealed during the course of an interview with Director of Business Services Mary Heeney, Thursday, March 8 at the District offices.

Also, Heeney dispelled fears that Foothill College will lose \$100,000 in revenues once the plan is adopted.

Heeney said, "We think that once the California State Legislature is through divvying up the tuition, we'll end up with \$2.8 million. The current fees bring in \$1.8 million. Theoretically, that means when the budget is adopted, we will net \$1 million.

"However," she continued, "\$500,000 of this will cover nursing and counseling services that previously were paid for with \$7 of the \$13 student activities fee." She added that although the separate \$7 health fee becomes illegal with the implementation of the tuition plan, the state mandated that these services be continued.

PE Chairman describes Measure A as 'safeguard'

By MATHEW SHEMBER

Many people are working hard on Measure A. They feel it is important that it passes.

Bill Abbey, division chairman of physical education, said, "I have been here since Foothill was first built. Measure A is nothing compared to the bond issue."

The bond issue was the initial funding that was used to begin building the school in 1961. It totaled \$10,400,000.

"Measure A is a safeguard for future students," said Abbey. "Kids coming here, two or three years down the road, deserve to have the place in at least the same shape it is in now."

All of the departments at Foothill College have compiled lists of the things they would like to see done in their divisions with funds that would come from passage of Measure A.

Abbey would like to see several improvements in the PE division. What he would like most would be to repair the roofs of the school's two main gyms. Abbey said that the gyms must be fixed. He said he submitted repair orders two years ago, but nothing has been done. "Do you remember those storms we had a couple of years ago?" he asked. "Well, we had to cancel a couple of basketball games because it was raining inside the gyms."

While shaking his head Abbey said, "I can't see how they let it sit. We could lose the whole damn complex."

The reason the repairs were never done was because there was never enough money. Bill Johnson, assistant director of plant and material services, which handles the school's repairs, said, "What money there was, was put to things that had a higher priority, like the fixing of

In addition, it eliminates course fees. Instead, a student taking six or more units of study will pay a flat \$33.33 tuition fee per quarter, plus parking (\$10 average), and a voluntary \$6 student activities fee. The total is \$49.33. Students taking five units or less will pay \$3.33 per unit, plus the aforementioned fees.

Heeney said that in some cases students will end up paying much less. One example of this is Drama 69, Introduction to Computer Graphics.

Foothill's spring 1984 schedule lists a \$60 course fee and 3 units of credit for Drama 69. Under the current system, a quick calculation brings the total fee for that course alone to \$83 (\$60+\$10+\$13).

By contrast, a student taking only Drama 69 in fall 1984 will pay \$25.99 (\$9.99+\$10+\$6). That is a savings of \$58 to the student.

There are gray areas. It is not clear yet whether international students who pay \$57 per academic unit will pay an additional \$33.33 tuition fee. Heeney said only, "It is being discussed. But as the law stands now, I read we must charge them."

the roof of the computer building. It would have been bad to have put all that computer equipment in a room that had a leaky roof."

Johnson said that the gyms have a high priority on the list of things that need to be done, and that a new finish was put on the gym floors to help protect the wood until the roofs could be repaired.

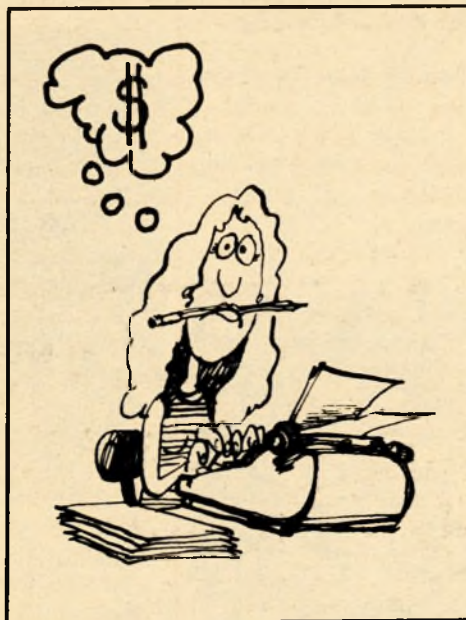
The second thing Abbey would like to see done would be the development of a third athletic field in the area behind parking lot T which is located next to the observatory. This field, a soccer and softball complex, has been planned for a long time but it was tabled when Proposition 13 passed. Abbey said it is needed because there is a problem with overcrowding in the two existing fields. An example he cited was the soccer and baseball teams practice on the same field. "This makes things difficult for everybody," Abbey said.

Abbey also thinks that girls soccer will become a big sport in a couple of years and this would increase the overcrowding problem. Another problem he spoke of was that plant services can't properly maintain the fields because people are always using them.

The third project Abbey would like to see would be the upgrading of the team travel vans.

Abbey said that the vans, which he called "safety hazards," are old, reconditioned, disabled student vans from De Anza. He would like them repaired so that they would be safer.

If Measure A does not pass, Abbey said, "We'd just have to sit down and figure out a way to get everything done."



Another area where students may be hurt is the college bookstore. "Instructional materials once paid for by fees will be moved to the bookstore." This means students who were once issued discs for Apple Computers by their instructors, or tools issued by the auto-tech instructor, will be forced to purchase their own materials through the bookstore. In this respect, the cost to students may be higher.

Asked if she expected an increase in student drop-outs because of all this, she replied, "Not in this district, but perhaps in low-income, minority districts."

"On the other hand," she continued, "there is \$15 million in financial aid right now. This may increase with federal assistance." What it amounts to, she said, "is that those above the financial aid level will suffer the most — the middle class."

Some instructors have thought about the effects the tuition plan might have on student enrollment in their courses. They are taking measures to prevent adverse effects on enrollment.

Dr. Nile Norton, director of choral activities at Foothill, said he is instituting a scholarship program for students who want to enroll in one of the choral groups.

Norton said that if a student secures a one-quarter page ad per quarter (equivalent to \$195) for the choral music brochure, the scholarship will pay that student's tuition cost and parking fee.

Drama instructor Jay Manley said he is revising the credits for Drama 49X and 49Y (rehearsal and performance). Students enrolled in these courses currently earn six and seven academic credits, respectively. By revising the credits, students who are appearing in one of Foothill's productions, but are not enrolled in any other classes at Foothill, will not have to pay the maximum tuition fee.

"On the whole," Heeney said, "I do not foresee any major problems because there is relatively little choice. California Community Colleges are still the least expensive colleges in the country."

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ON THE SPOT

By JOHN W. GARNER & JUSSI KARLGREN

What is your opinion about Measure A?



YUN SHAW (Humanities):

To tell you the truth, I don't know much about it. But everybody says, 'Let's pass it.' It's the grade I'd like to get in all my classes.

KRIS KELLY (Secretarial Science):

Yes, I agree with it. I think the residents of Los Altos Hills can afford it.



MARGIE SEGOVIA (Business Administration):

I believe for the system to exist to the best of its ability, we need to do everything we can so that as many people as possible can get an education, even if it means that we need to raise taxes.

BETHANY CONE (Engineering):

I haven't done enough studying on it. From what I've heard, it sounds good.



MATT BLEVIN (Undeclared):

I was asked to pay a \$3 donation for it, so I did it. I don't know about it at all.

Employees help campaign

By DAN ANDERSON

Measure A is an important issue to the people of the Foothill-De Anza community, and many faculty, students and staff

are contributing their time and efforts to see that the measure passes.

One group are members of the California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 416. Members are the non-teach-

ing personnel at Foothill College. Some of the work CSEA is contributing consists of running a phone bank, precinct walking, making contributions on a sliding scale from their paychecks and mailing

The phone bank they are operating consists of members calling registered voters from a computerized list, three hours every weeknight and three hours

on Saturday to find out how voters stand on Measure A.

CSEA members have agreed to donate part of their paycheck each month for five months to help raise money to keep the campaign going.

The members of the union were also able to get a donation of \$1,000 from the state union headquarters.

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