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Foothill's KFJC—From Rags To Riches

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Another honor has been bestowed upon Foothill College.

KFJC Broadcast House, Foothill's educational FM radio station, recently walked off with the top prize of \$1,000 at the 41st annual convention of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters meeting in Washington, D.C.

The \$1,000, which comes in the form of a grant by NAEB, was presented KFJC to produce "Age of Thunder," a 13-part series of historical documentaries which present great moments of the 20th century in dramatic 15-minute capsules.

The series, which is being written and produced by freshman broadcasting major Brian Conway, a handsome 19-year old English lad, will premiere on KFJC before being circulated to the 113 members of NAEB.

According to Ken Clark, broadcasting instructor and faculty adviser to the campus radio station which serves the entire Foothill College District, Conway has never written for radio before, "but he writes magnificently."

"THE SERIES is based on actual events that shook the world," Clark said.

The pilot of the series is scheduled to be presented in January. It is entitled "Edward and his Intended Queen," and deals with the abdication of King Edward

(now the Duke of Windsor).

According to Clark, KFJC has received special permission from the Duke's secretary in Paris to air special segments of his abdication speech. The speech and other



BRIAN CONWAY
... Bright Briton

material has been obtained from the British Broadcasting Company.

Clark will narrate the series which later includes the "Hindenburg Disaster," "Chamberlain's Return From Munich," and the "Battle of Britain." This latter episode in the series, Clark explained, includes a tape recording of

a taxi driver in England with a thick Cockney accent describing the German buzz bombs that terrorized Londoners during the war.

Conway, who lives at 1945 Latham St. in Mountain View, had his material on the first program presented to the NAEB by Clark.

Despite the fact that the NAEB has not looked favorably upon the small 10-watt station, KFJC carted off the top prize. Grants awarded by NAEB amounted to \$8,000.

CLARK WAS recently quoted in regards to the award as saying "no budget can limit imagination, no signal strength can inhibit man's need to soar and to dare" in broadcasting.

This award is even more significant when one considers the fact that just eight years ago KFJC was a cramped room in the basement of the college's antiquated Highway School campus in Mountain View.

Today, however, KFJC operates from a modern, spacious studio on the Los Altos Hills campus, using the latest equipment. The station also has a large, enthusiastic if not experienced staff of student personnel.

"Age of Thunder" is a milestone in KFJC's brief broadcasting history, but it appears certain that many more good things will be heard from the voice on the hill."