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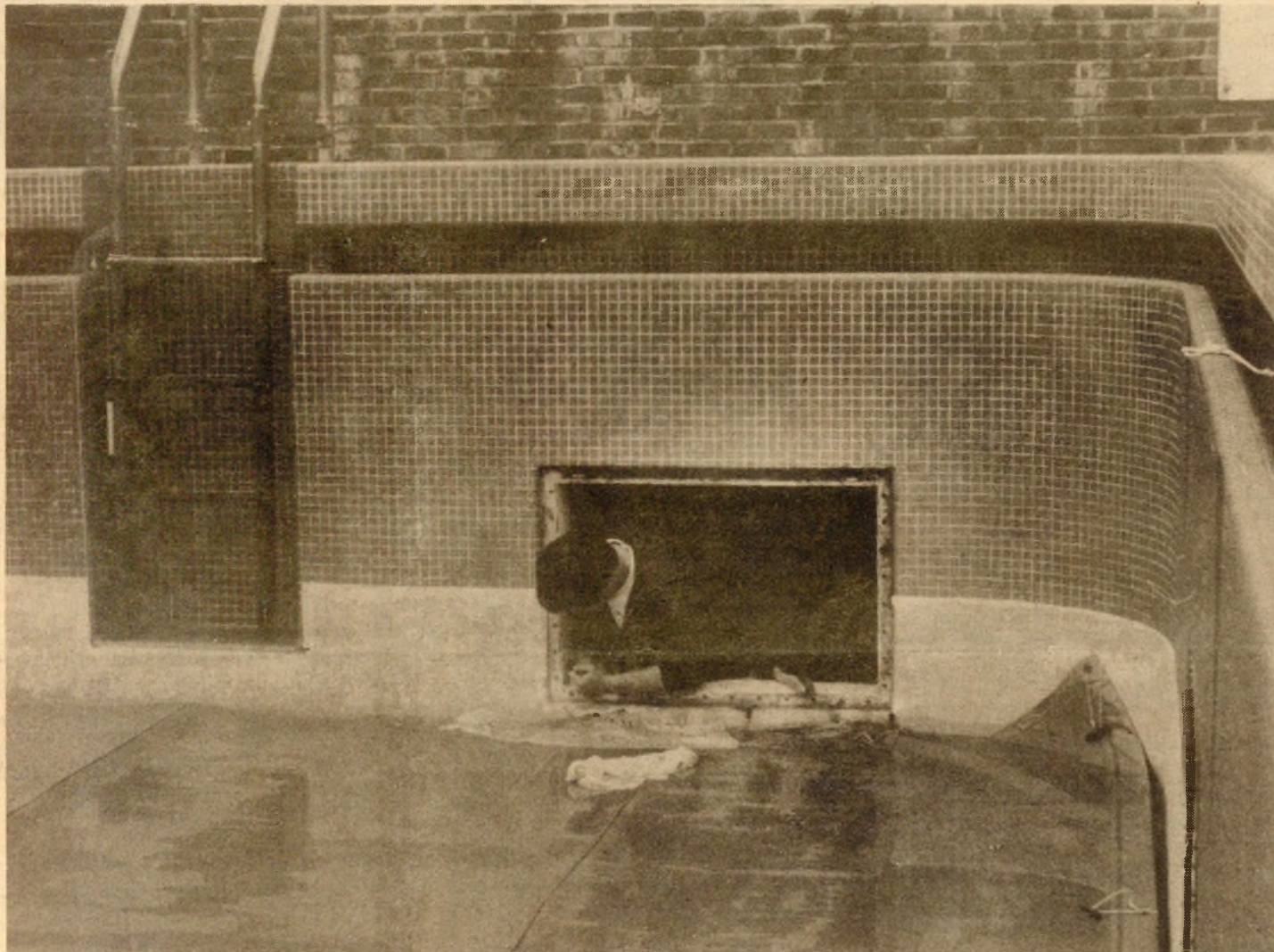
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Maintenance worker Diep Nguyen pokes his head into the void left by weekend vandals.

## Vandals hit pool

By JOHN RADEBOLD

Vandals struck the Foothill campus last weekend and caused between \$5,000 and \$7,000 damage, according to Foothill's associate director of operations, William Johnson.

The greatest damage was done to the pool and the pool equipment when the vandal or vandals broke one of the observation windows located beneath the pool, in the north-east corner of the deep end. This allowed two-thirds of the 100,000 gallons contained in the pool to drain into the observation room, and out through a staircase, which in turn caused a circulating pump and motor to burn out for lack of water, Johnson said.

Johnson said the pool will remain unuseable until a special pane of heat-tempered glass can be obtained from a manufacturer and then installed. Johnson indicated this would "hopefully" take place on Friday.

Head of the physical education department, Bill Abbey, said over 250 people would be affected by the pool closing. The P.E. Department has temporarily cancelled 10 day-time swimming classes, as well as four night classes. Also forced to seek another pool is the Los Altos Aquatic Club, which uses Foothill's pool every weekday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m. every afternoon.

Foothill Campus Security said the incident occurred sometime between 9 p.m. Saturday night and 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Sgt. Storton said the double doors leading out to the footbridge were found unlocked. Since the doors cannot be unlocked from the inside he theorized either the intruders had a key to the doors or members of the staff forgot to lock the doors before leaving.

Following is a list of additional damage done to the campus; Smashed drinking fountain near the entrance to the women's locker room, smashed urinal in the men's locker room, broken windshield on a "Cushman" service vehicle, telephone by the vending machines in the cafeteria was ripped from the wall, a 10-foot by 24-inch window in the Owl's nest was shattered, and some louvers in the louvered doors at the entrance to the Owl's Nest were broken.

Photo by Paul Liu

## Low turnout at Sacramento rally

By ROBERT STOWE

More than 250 students from across the state of California met on the steps of the Capitol on Monday, Jan. 9 for a rally entitled "What if We gave a rally and everyone came?"

Students, bearing signs which read "Rebuke the Duke," "Reinstate the \$108," and "Tax oil not Community Colleges", were gathered together for a last minute appeal to the State Assembly and Senate to gain support for reinstatement of the \$108 million base, and to show Gov. Deukmejian that the majority of students in community colleges are against tuition.

The rally was followed by lobbying of the Senate and Assembly members by the students. "The State will have a surplus of one to two billion dollars at the end of the year. We [the Democrats of the Senate] are going to try to get as much as possible for the community

colleges, not just as bail out money, but with an eye to the future," commented Vincent Montane, Administrative Assistant to Senator Alfred E. Alquist (D-11th District). "If the Governor vetoes a new budget, we have enough votes in the Senate to override his veto; the problem will be in the Assembly."

Students from Foothill College and De Anza College were encouraged to participate in the rally, and free bus transportation was provided. When the bus left Foothill College, only seven people (two from De Anza, and five from Foothill) were on board. "We [the student council] were disappointed at the low turnout," said ASFC President Leslie Fay. "The problem was in scheduling. While we knew the rally was going to take place, we didn't find out the date until after classes had finished and the students were gone for vacation. The rally was decided to be held on the

day before the Governors 'State of the State' speech, and it was just unfortunate that it was a Monday of the second week of the winter quarter."

## Night parking fees

By GEORGI HIGUERAS

Temporary parking passes at Foothill College has been extended from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday's close-off point will remain at 4 p.m.

The decision was made by the Board of Trustees. Student Trustee Bruce Jett commented, "The day students shouldn't have to carry the burden for the evening students."

However, Public Safety Chief Tom Conom said, "So far we have only issued warnings and notices. We will start to cite next week."

# God bless America?

"God Bless America," exclaimed Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman on returning to the United States with Democratic presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson Wednesday, Jan. 4, after spending a month as a Syrian prisoner.

Goodman was taken prisoner after the reconnaissance plane he was flying was shot down by Syrian anti-aircraft gunners.

Jackson negotiated Goodman's release. How Jackson actually negotiated Goodman's freedom is a mystery. No one seems to be talking.

Jackson went to Syria last week with the intention of bringing Goodman home with him.

President Reagan discouraged Jackson from going, but did not stop him.

Reagan is not stupid. Jackson claimed he would not go if the President gave the word. Preventing Jackson from going would have been a terrible political move.

Going and getting Goodman is what Jackson set out to do, and under the circumstances Reagan could not stop him.

Reagan was cornered. Jackson had him set up well.

If the President had had said "no go" to Jackson's trip, he would have put himself in the position of looking like a man protecting his own political future by whatever means necessary.

Upon Jackson's return, Reagan praised him for his "personal mission of mercy."

He should have simply commended him for a brilliant political move.

Jackson can make one sparkling political move after another, but it will not do him much good towards becoming president.

Even though he may be one of the two best candidates for the presidency, Jackson will remain just that. And for only one reason; he is black.

There are still parts of this country that are just as prejudiced as they were 200 years ago. But these people are not the majority, and therefore not the real problem.

The real trouble is with people who claim no prejudice, but at the same time would never vote for a black man.

The perfect example is California's last gubernatorial election. Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, a black man, was ahead of George Deukmejian in the polls on election day, yet Deukmejian came out the winner.

Some political analysts explained that many voters "switched" at the last minute.

The voters were not switching candidates, but switching color.

No matter how qualified Jackson, or for that matter any black man may be, he will not become President of the United States in this election, or any in the near future.

And only for the color of his skin.

God Bless America?

—Herb Muktarian

HIS SHIP FINALLY  
CAME IN LAST  
WEEK.. UNFORTUNATELY  
HE WAS WAITING  
AT THE AIRPORT..



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## Bring them home Ronnie

With each passing day the cry, "U.S. out of Lebanon" becomes ever louder. However, unlike the chanting and demonstrations by young people during the Vietnam War, the call is coming from a fundamentally different group of individuals; older and intimately involved in the "establishment."

Recently, Pentagon insiders disclosed that every member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff advised against stationing Marines in Lebanon from the very beginning.

Members of Congress (including some high-ranking Republicans), are re-examining their initial support for the "peace-keeping force" and are considering shortening the 18-month time limit they imposed on President Regan's ill-fated mission.

The latest group to join the growing chorus singing the praises of troop withdrawal are three ex-CIA chiefs, Admiral Stansfield Turner, James Schlesinger and William Colby, CIA directors under former Presidents Carter, Nixon and Ford respectively.

They criticized the Marine's role in Lebanon and suggested they be moved from their positions around the Beirut International Airport, possibly aboard U.S. battleships off the coast.

Reagan is turning a deaf ear to the growing ensemble and is said to be "adamant" in his opposition to withdrawal. Reagan's inflexible attitude and refusal to take the advice of the Joint Chiefs reveals much about the psychological make-up of our President.

Acting impulsively and against the advise of a group of career military men who between them have in the vicinity of 100-years of military experience.

Certainly, a President must make ultimate decisions concerning certain military operations, but perhaps someone who spent world War II in the trenches of Hollywood, making B-movies, should be more receptive to the recommenda-

tions of those with infinitely more experience.

Of course, no one could have foreseen the Kamikaze attack that killed 241 Marines, but Reagan has, rightfully so, accepted responsibility for the disaster. This was done not with any substantial sense of regret but more out of political expediency, hoping to put the calamity behind him and off the front pages.

Reagen effectively did this by ordering military investigators not to proceed with possible court-martials that might have ensued relating to the alleged negligence of officers in charge at the Marine compound.

How many more Marines must die in the bloody stalemate in Lebanon? How many more times will our President be forced to accept responsibility for future loss of life? How long until Reagan realizes the inevitable and removes the troops from the debacle that is Lebanon?

—John Radebold

## Non-existent ramps paid for

By MAX C. SINGLETON

Last summer a fund raising drive to finance a wheelchair ramp connecting the P.E. department with the rest of the campus was more than successful. Yet where is the ramp?

There are 115 students enrolled in the Special Education program, ten of whom are wheelchair students. The program includes work development, independent living and learning skills and

utilizes the services of interpreters, note takers and counselors.

There are braille markers to help those who have visual disabilities find their way around campus. Other learning aids are being used to educate the train the disabled students. But where is the ramp for the physically disabled who must use wheelchairs?

The Special Education department is doing an excellent job in helping these people help themselves. They placed six disabled students in productive positions off campus in the last quarter.

These students need all the help they can get to access to those services and opportunities.

### Announcement

## Geo 10 field trip

To all those enrolled in Geology 10 during fall quarter:

Since the December typhoon washed out our fieldtrip to the ever-scenic Daly City dump, your exposure to geologic truth is incomplete. You are consequently welcome to join this quarter's geology class whose fieldtrip is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 1984. (You know the time of departure . . . ) If you would like to see your local plate boundary and what is left of the coastline, please stop by my office and sign up. You must be a registered student during the winter quarter in order to attend.

—Tim Hall

Foothill Geology Instructor

## Foothill Sentinel

The SENTINEL welcomes letters. All letters must be typewritten (double-spaced), be restricted to 300 words or less, and be signed. Your phone number would be appreciated so that our editors can verify points of information.

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## Student Chef

At the price of food these days, it is economical to make lunch at home. A simple sandwich can be made in thirty seconds if you have the makings prepared. A favorite of mine is egg salad. This is easily made in ten minutes, and will provide enough for three to four lunches.

Six eggs, hard boiled; ¼ cup chopped celery; ¼ cup chopped onions; ½ cup mayonnaise.

Peel the eggs and chop them into small pieces with a fork. Add the onions and celery and mix. Add the mayonaise and mix well (more mayonaise may be added to get the texture desired). Chill the egg salad overnight to allow flavoring, or eat right away. This will make enough salad for five to six well made sandwiches.

—Robert Stowe

# Asner pans TV, Reagan

By JOHN WILEY GARNER

Ed Asner, president of the Screen Actors Guild and former star of the "Lou Grant" television series, spoke to a sell-out audience at the Flint Center in Cupertino on Friday night, Dec. 2. He shared his views regarding television's public responsibilities, the cancellation of "Lou Grant," and the general quality of network programming.

Asner stressed that television programs "must have a message for the public." "Many people cannot be reached any other way." Only 12½ percent of American households had television sets in 1950 compared to 98 percent today, he said, and the average viewer spends seven hours in front of the TV set. Because of these facts, he said, "television is no longer innocent and has taken on a much greater responsibility."

Photo by Paul Liu

additional money to send study guides to high school discussion groups.

Asner said he was concerned that the average American spent so much time watching TV. "I think we should preach quality viewing and tell people that if they watch TV more than three hours a day, they'll get pimples and more than four hours, they'll go blind."

Asner was openly critical of the Reagan administration, U.S. foreign policy, and CIA activities in Nicaragua and El Salvador. Speaking about President Reagan, Asner said, "It took a hundred years for Americans to forget that it was an actor who shot President Lincoln. Now it's going to take another hundred for them to forget this administration."

Asner, who has just been re-elected to another two-year term as president of the Screen Actors Guild (the union for film industry actors) said he would like to see his union merge with Actors Equity Association (the union for stage actors) and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (the union for TV and radio personalities) to be able to have more clout to back political candidates that look out for their interests.

As for any of his own political ambitions, Asner said he didn't know if he was enough of a masochist to be a successful politician. "To run on the principles I believe in would be strictly suicide."

Even after 12 years with the "Mary Tyler Moore" and "Lou Grant" programs, Asner still wants to return to television, but next time in a comedy series. He also wants to continue TV movies and specials like "A Case of Libel" and "The Anatomy of an Illness," in which he acted recently.

About actors, Asner said they are "a wonderful microcosm of life. They are a holy group, even though I hate some of them."

During the question and answer session, Asner was asked if he and Charlton Heston were still at odds. He replied, "Charlton is odd. I'm even."



Screen Actors Guild President Ed Asner graciously listens to audience questions at Flint Center.

## Discussion on families

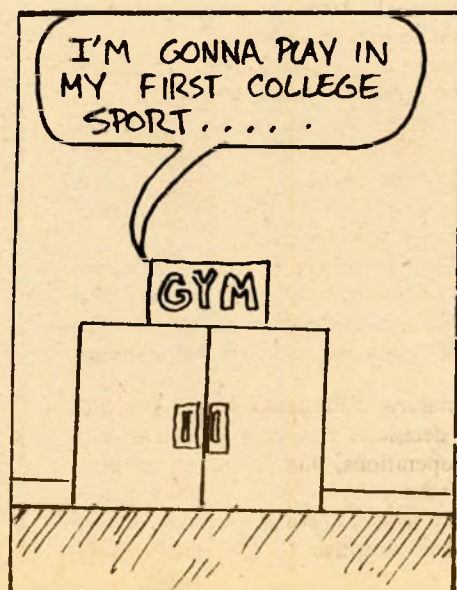
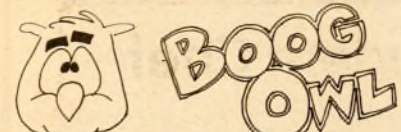
Virginia Satir, internationally-acclaimed for her pioneering work with families, will present a lecture Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m., and a workshop (continuing education units available) Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the New Varsity Theater and Restaurant, 456 University Ave.,

Palo Alto. The topic for both events is "Today's Family: Changes and Challenges." Proceeds benefit Midpeninsula Health Service and the Birth Place. For further information call 324-1964 or 321-BABY.

### Letter

## Is Security ticket happy?

Editor:  
As foreign students, we feel we have a slightly different perspective on how we look at the American school system and in particular Foothill College, where we are presently enrolled.  
So far we are very impressed with the quality of education, the beauty of the campus, and the friendly attitude of the students. But unfortunately, we witnessed an incident on Dec. 1 which we felt was totally unjust and could bias opinions negatively not only for the campus but for the American justice system as well.  
While waiting for a bus in the parking lot, two cars drove up and parked in the 30 minute parking spots. Not five minutes had passed when our Foothill men in blue drove up and indiscriminately tagged both cars that were overdue and also the two unfortunate newcomers. This seems like a simple thing to correct, so we hope some pressure will be placed on the parking enforcers to more adequately perform their duties.  
—Sonia de Cruz & Flavia Raddavero  
*Editor's note: According to Foothill Security Officer Bill Randall, the two cars that received tickets after only five minutes were parked without a 30 minute visitors' parking permit, which is available at Parking Control in Lot A upon request. All day permits are available for 50 cents.*



by Dan Weaving

# Wheat elected Board President

By HERB MUKTARIAN

Mary Wallace Wheat has been elected President of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees for 1983-84, effective immediately.

Wheat, who has been a member of the Board since 1977, was elected by the Board during its regular meeting of Dec. 5. Wheat is succeeding Dr. Gerald Besson. Besson will remain on the Board as a member, and as its representative to the County Committee on School District Organization.

Mountain View resident and member of the Board since 1969, Alfred P. Chasuk, was elected vice-president.

"As president, I will do everything I can to assure that the District's tax measure is passed in April, and will work for the solving of our budget problems," said Wheat in a phone interview last Friday. "We need to get some money from Sacramento in order to keep the District functioning."

"These will be the major issues facing the Board this year," added Wheat, "and the entire Board will work for that."



Mary Wallace Wheat

Wheat praised previous president, Besson. "He was an excellent president. He served the Board very well. He ran efficient meetings and represented the Board very well."

Wheat is a graduate of Occidental College and has been a longtime member of its Board of Trustees. She has also been a member of the El Camino Hospital Foundation Board and the Sensory Aids Foundation Board.

Wheat sat on the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Board for 12 years before serving in the Foothill District.

Wheat is currently serving her second four-year term on the Board.

# Library goes High Tech

By JENNEFER PITTMAN

The newly appointed Assistant Dean of Learning Resources, Marilyn McDonald, plans to set a computerized system into Semans Library.

"An automated system will provide a better, more effective service to the students," says McDonald. "It is the only way we can keep ourselves up during a time of dwindling funds."

According to Phyllis Ross, library staff, the system would not eliminate jobs, but help the "under-staffed" library work more efficiently so they can fulfill their duties.

McDonald could not estimate the cost of the project, nor declare where the

funds would come from. She did say that there are grants available to libraries with automation systems and private donations are a possibility. Ross said that industries could possibly offer Foothill a system as with the Tandem computer system.

"Because of the scarcity of funds, we cannot say when the system will actually be installed," said McDonald.

McDonald says she plans to establish a productive working relationship with the coordinators of both the Individual Study Center and the Audio-Visual Center but has no immediate ideas to improve them.

McDonald, who was selected for the position this summer out of over 70 applicants, has been on the job since Jan. 3, 1984. Bernadine C. Fong has been acting in this position since Betty Niven retired in July 1983.

McDonald's references include working as head of technical services for SRI International's Library and Research Information Services, a librarian for Palo Alto's Gunn High School and San Jose Unified School District and office manager of the Stanford Alumni Association.

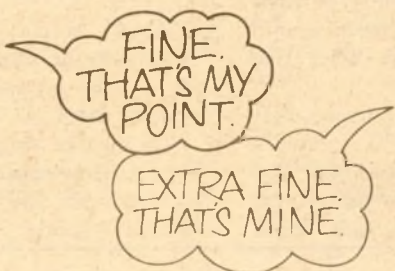
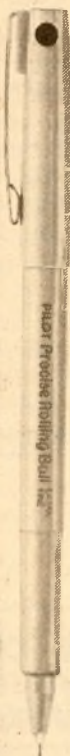
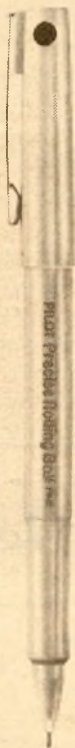
She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University and an MBA from Golden Gate University.

"I have lived here a long time," says McDonald. "Foothill is my community college. I have taken classes here and believe in what community colleges do."



Marilyn McDonald

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Foothill SENTINEL reporter George Tatum directs query at Foothill President Thomas Clements.

## Clements sees no 1984 nightmare at Foothill

By GEORGE TATUM

The end of 1983 marked the anniversary of Foothill College President Dr. Thomas H. Clements' first year in office. Clements succeeded former President James Fitzgerald on the leading edge of an impending financial crisis for California community colleges. How Clements has dealt with this crisis and other job related problems during his first year is the subject of this interview.

The interview was held on Friday, Dec. 16, in the informal atmosphere of Clements' office, with the President having no prior knowledge of the questions.

SENTINEL: Dr. Clements, first of all I would like to congratulate you on behalf of the SENTINEL on your first anniversary as president of Foothill College.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, I've been remarkably well received here. Everyone has been super cooperative with me. I've been pleased with my working relationship with the faculty, academic senate and student groups.

SENTINEL: Nevertheless, problems remain, and as you begin your second year in office, what do you consider your most pressing problem?

CLEMENTS: Unfortunately it continues to be finances. We are still in grave trouble fiscally. However, I hope we've bottomed out. If we can have a successful tax election, I think we will be on our way back.

SENTINEL: Could you bring us up to date on the tax election? Where are we timewise regarding this election?

CLEMENTS: We're progressing well on it. A bill was passed by the legislature allowing us to receive funds from a local tax election without having it count against state funding. Dollarwise this could mean a net financial gain of 3.6

million a year for the district. Timewise we've talked about it in our Budget Development group and we have the go ahead to take the necessary steps. At this point, Dr. Fryer [district Superintendent] is interviewing political consultants with the goal of selecting one to organize the tax election campaign.

SENTINEL: You seem optimistic about the prospects for success in such an election, is this well-grounded optimism?

CLEMENTS: Yes, I am optimistic. Polls show that 75% of the people in our district have been on one or the other district campuses. This means that they have either attended part-time or regularly, or have at least visited a campus for one reason or another. Most of these people have positive feelings. We're shooting for 50,000 'yes' votes. We're hoping for 20,000 student votes and maybe that many from former students. We will campaign heavily and in a well-organized manner. We're hoping we can get staff and student body involved. I think Palo Alto is the key to success. It is a very educationally oriented community, with a high ratio of Democratic voters.

SENTINEL: Are you taking into account traditional student apathy on political issues?

CLEMENTS: Therein lies our challenge but I feel that we can overcome it. SENTINEL: There seems to be a lull in tuition talk, what does this mean?

CLEMENTS: We have a lull because the legislature is not in session. I think we're still in between a rock and a hard place. Until there is some resolution of our fiscal problems, we're still looking at some form of tuition. That's also Dr. Fryer's point of view and he's even closer to the situation than I am. \$60 to \$100 dollars a year would not be as devastating

to our district as it would be to some of the poorer ones. My concern is that with the tuition 'foot in the door,' in three to four years the student could be paying as much as \$600 a year for tuition. However, we must recognize that studies show that 70% of the local populace feel that students should pay something. If it does happen, I want to make sure it is small enough and has a cap on it.

SENTINEL: Last spring, in the aftermath of the Dr. Pierce cheating scandal, you were accused of having made a derogatory remark regarding foreign students and cheating. The Vietnamese were particularly upset. Was this a case of sloppy reporting?

CLEMENTS: To begin with, I never used the term 'foreign students.' What I said at the time was that what constitutes cheating varies from culture to culture. I told your reporter that we had to be clear in our own minds as to what constitutes cheating. We've had a lot of people who have come to our shores as survivors and one aspect of surviving is that everyone helps each other. I am an admirer and supporter of our international students because they generally work hard and contribute positively to our society. I'm sure your reporter was inaccurate without malice and I continue to believe that we have relatively little cheating at Foothill.

SENTINEL: Last year you expressed a desire to re-emphasize writing skills at Foothill College. Some English instructors, like Berthiaume, Carr, Moore, and Plutynski have recently gained reputations as tough, demanding graders; is this individual initiative on the part of these instructors, or is there a mandated change in policy?

CLEMENTS: We all agree on these higher standards and we're trying several ideas. First of all we're trying to involve

more non-English teachers in requiring more writing in class. We would like to have English teachers help teachers in other departments who may be a little rusty in writing skills. We plan a pilot program to increase writing assignments in a department where traditionally there is not much writing required. Of course there are some subjects where increased writing is not feasible. My view is, to learn to write well, you must continue to write regularly, and in order to maintain writing skills you must continue to practice them.

### 'we have relatively little cheating at Foothill'

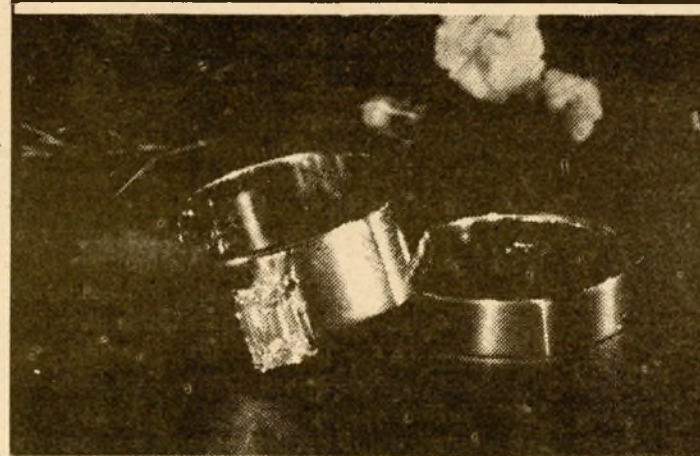
SENTINEL: Some people seem to feel that Foothill's faculty is becoming a bit stagnant, philosophically and academically, due to aging and low turnover. What are your thoughts on this?

CLEMENTS: Yes, there is some degree of validity to that but I would like to point out that we have a very high quality faculty. This is because initially, Foothill instructors were hired as a result of a nation-wide search. However, average age of the staff is now in the early fifties and a lot of us are concerned. A college does need a mixture in faculty age and instructional approach.

SENTINEL: How has your plan for larger classes with the aim of increased staff productivity worked?

CLEMENTS: It has worked well to varying degrees within certain divisions. We have tried first of all to have larger classes without loss of quality, and have

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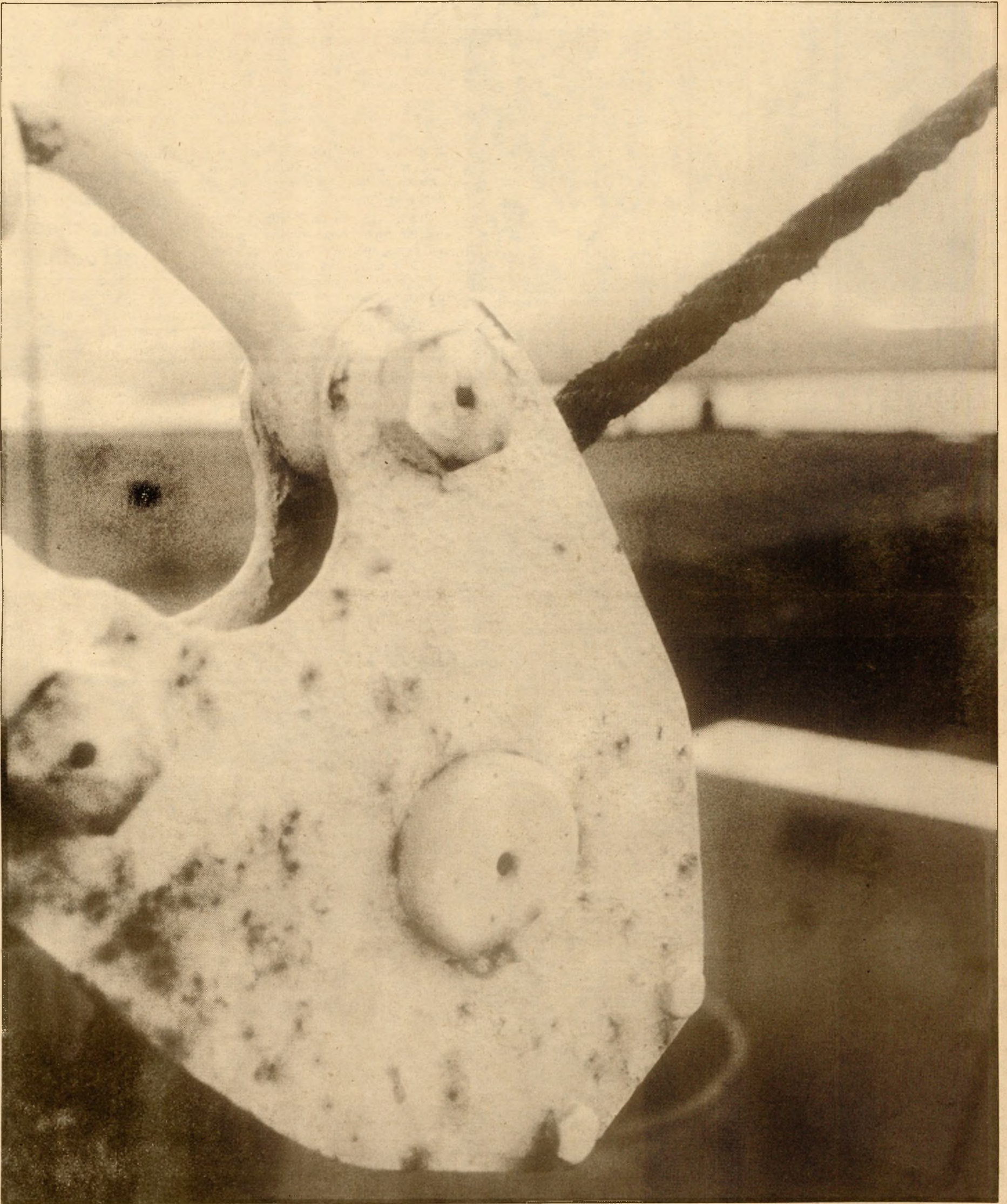
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# Vietnamese in typical uneasy culture change

By GEORGE TATUM

*Introduction to the series:*

*This article is the first in a series on International and immigrant students attending Foothill College. These articles will focus primarily on the group or individual as an integral part of the student body and will attempt to share some aspects of the transition process from a foreign culture to the American culture by the Foothill College International student. An effort will also be made to reveal some facets of the student's original culture, as well as a brief historical overview of her (or his) country of birth.*

The country of Vietnam uncoils in the form of an elongated S in Southeast Asia for more than 1,200 miles, from the 9th parallel north to the 26th parallel, where it shares a common border with an ancient foe — China. Vietnam covers 127,300 square miles or 330,000 square kilometers, and also shares borders with Laos and Cambodia. Bodies of water contiguous to the country are the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

Vietnam's current population is estimated at 40,000,000 but this figure is doubted by many due to the continuing flight of political dissidents from the country and the large numbers of young men in the Vietnamese army stationed outside of the country. The figure could easily be too high.

Vietnam was divided into North and South Vietnam from 1954 to 1975. In 1975 the country was reunified under the government of the "Democratic Republic of Vietnam," with close political and economic ties to the Soviet Union. In a move calculated to further insult the defeated South Vietnamese, while simultaneously honoring the late communist revolutionary, Ho Chi Minh, the former capital of South Vietnam, Saigon, was renamed "Ho Chi Minh City," and Hanoi, the former capital of communist North Vietnam, was made the official capital of the entire country.

Vietnam, even after the devastation of war, is a vast expanse of lush vegetation and endless rice fields stretching a reflective mirror of flooded surfaces to the horizon like a western sea meeting the distant sloping sky. But when the rain has gone, a velvety green carpet of grow-

ing rice paints the landscape. The country fairly glows with the rich verdant, almost arrogant beauty which only seasonal monsoons balanced by periods of sultry, tropical sun can produce.

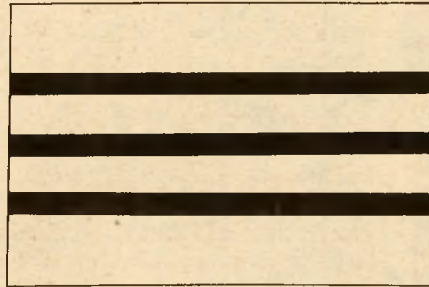
Vietnam can be divided geographically into eight natural regions, three low-lying plains, three mountain areas, and two that contain features of both types. The large cities like Saigon and Hanoi, reflect the usual dichotomy of cities all over the world, wealth, poverty and social stratification.

Most Vietnamese students currently attending Foothill College left their country during the turbulent "boat people" period of the late 70s and early 80s. Though originally scattered throughout the United States, there are indications that California is now the preferred area for the immigrant Vietnamese. Cities like Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco and Anaheim now have large identifiable Vietnamese communities and many of their inhabitants originally arrived in other states. This is a development with mixed blessings for the transplanted Vietnamese. On the one hand they are able to maintain their cultural identity, and language, along with feeling psychologically more secure, but at the same time their efforts to learn English are hampered through almost exclusive usage of their native language.

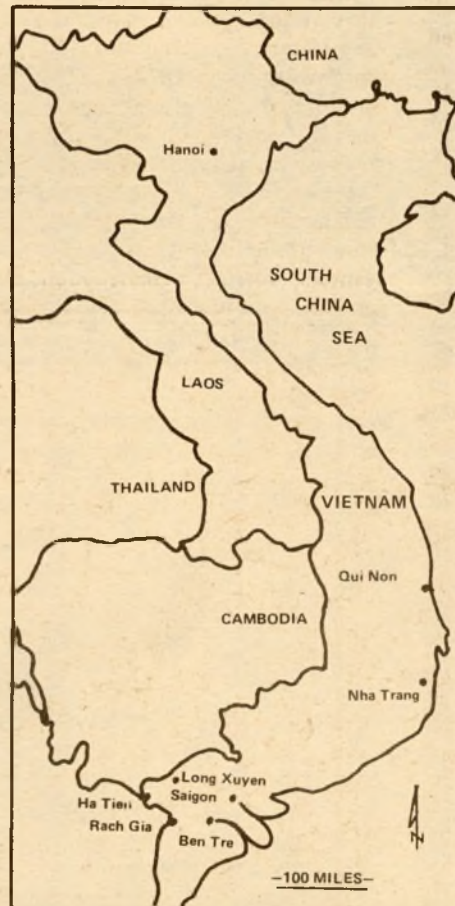
This is nothing new, however, The Vietnamese student at Foothill is experiencing what this writer calls, 'first generation blues.' It is the price that every first generation culture in an adopted country traditionally pays. In addition to the paramount language difficulties, there is the resentment which entrenched Americans (most descendants of immigrants themselves) show in various ways. It is also the misfortune of being confined almost exclusively to certain job fields. Though some of the careers, such as electronics and engineering, are lucrative, they are also highly competitive and the language difficulties can be a distinct handicap.

A close look at the culture of Vietnamese students reveals many positives. There is an appealing, self-effacing shyness which unfortunately is often misin-

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# Minkler's prints to be displayed in Semans Library art show

By ISABELLE KARCHER

Former Foothill College art major, Doug Minkler, 34, will exhibit 25 original posters dealing with the defense of human rights and the protection of the environment in the Hubert H. Semans Library from Jan. 16 to Feb. 23. For Minkler, because art need not be reserved for an elite, artists can play a great role in society by promulgating political messages in their work. "That's the hope," Minkler says.

From the years he spent at Foothill College, Minkler maintains a knowledge of traditional art. "I value those tools," Minkler says. At the time, Minkler was class conscious and upset about political issues such as the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, but it did not show in his work. Even so, Gordon Holler, Foothill art instructor, recalls that Minkler's style in 1967 was already expressionistic.

In 1969, Minkler transferred to Hayward. After a year, Minkler dropped out of school and took on various industrial jobs to support his children. "Working was a necessity," Minkler says. "I also felt the educational system restricted me. School is not dealing with the general experience, which is political. As a result, artists hold back a lot of creative energy."

Working in a shipyard, a foundry, or a cannery, Minkler says he completed a more valuable education than he did at school. "It was very invigorating," Minkler says. "I met a lot of real intelligent people, who inspired me with the idea that artists should have political concerns."

According to Minkler, today in our industrial capitalist countries, the peak of experience is considered uniqueness. "Too often this epitome of individualism has ended up in suicide," Minkler says. "The names of Janis Joplin, Jimmy Hendrix, Marilyn Monroe come to mind, but the list is endless. People have lost their

sense of group."

During the ten years Minkler worked in industry, he got involved with trade unions, because he thought they were helping the community. Working ten hours a day, Minkler did not have time for making art. Minkler says after years banging his head against backward unions, he decided to work out of the field. "Some unions have not grasped the potential of culture," Minkler says. "I still collaborate occasionally with them, but they are not very receptive."

Since 1980 Minkler has been working three days a week doing industrial advertising. The rest of the time, he has been devoting his energy to art. The Foothill College exhibition will be composed of posters from this period realized in favor of associations of social or political nature: such as the U.S. Out of El Salvador Committee of San Francisco, Stop the Peripheral Canal Committee and the Attorney's Committee on Police Practices of San Jose.

Minkler and his four children live in Richmond. The two youngest draw with their father. Minkler thinks of Richmond as "culturally a wonderland," because all sorts of different ethnic groups are present there. "I was lucky: being poor put me in that place without my having to try very hard!" Minkler says.

Since his art is primarily meant to help defend political causes, Minkler has held shows in colleges, galleries, community centers, women's centers, public libraries, grocery stores and union halls. Holler said, "Although Minkler uses abstraction, he makes such strong visual statements, that the dynamism of the form gets his messages through unmistakably."

In a "Letter to Artists" that will be posted with the exhibition, Minkler says, "Make our aspirations your inspiration and your innovations will become our solutions."

## Vietnamese

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terpreted as standoffishness. There is also the penchant for hard work and sacrifice common to most Asian immigrants.

Then there is the Vietnamese food, which can only be described as exotically delicious. Eating at a Vietnamese student's home is equivalent to eating in a first rate oriental food restaurant without the hefty tab. Along with rice, which is consumed much as Americans consume bread, the Vietnamese emphasize leafy green vegetables, chicken, fish, pork and beef as staples of their diet. There is more than a hint of the Chinese influence in their meals and many Americans would be hard pressed to discern the difference. One major difference, however, is the use of fish sauce by the Vietnamese. Fish sauce is used much like Americans use cooking oil and seasoning but it has a pungent aroma and the Vietnamese seem somewhat hesitant to serve it to American visitors. They shouldn't be; the sauce is tasty and is an excellent substitute for salt, with none of the health disadvantages attributed to salt.

Vietnamese students have brought

with them an attitude about marriage which Americans and particularly Californians, accept in the abstract only. That idea is that marriage is for a lifetime. Whereas Americans increasingly seem to regard marriage as an experiment, often entered into and terminated by whim, the Vietnamese student says that divorce American style is "not appealing," and is almost alien to his culture. Only time will tell whether the Vietnamese can maintain this attitude about marriage and divorce. It should be pointed out, however, that until recently, Vietnamese men in Vietnam were permitted to have as many wives as they could support. Obviously this would negate the desire for divorce in many situations.

Although there are growing indications that the Foothill Vietnamese student, through pride, perseverance, discipline and intelligence, has a bright future in America, material success can only give material satisfaction. This type of success can rarely erase the feeling of loss inherent in the loss of one's homeland.



## Cavett to appear at Flint Center

Talkshow host Dick Cavett will discuss his experiences in show business Friday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. at Flint Center in Cupertino.

Tickets will be \$12 at the door as space allows (series tickets have already been sold).

The Dick Cavett Show, which airs daily on PBS stations nationwide, began on ABC-TV in 1968. Interviews with notables from the arts, letters, and politics, including such diverse personalities as Noel Coward, Lester Maddox,

and Jane Fonda have won him two Emmy Awards and a devout following of viewers.

After graduating from Yale, Cavett worked in summer stock, landed a few bit parts in television, and eventually was hired by Jack Paar as a writer for his show on the basis of two pages of jokes he submitted.

His bestselling autobiography, "Cavett," contains, he says, "everything you always wanted to know about me, my guests, my backstage life . . . unfortunately."

## Sinfonia to highlight Beethoven

Works by Beethoven and Mozart will highlight the Sunday, Jan. 15 concert by the Foothill College Master Sinfonia chamber orchestra at 3 p.m. at The First Congregational Church in Palo Alto.

David Ramadanoff, former associate conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, will conduct the Sinfonia and Alan Gampel will be soloist for a performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto in D Minor (KV466).

Gampel is an award-winning 19-year-old music major at Stanford University, who has won a dozen awards in piano competitions, including first prize in the 1983 Fremont-Newark Philharmonic's Young Artist Competition and the 1983

Mu Phi Epsilon Scholarship Competition. He won two first place awards in the Music Teachers Association of California competitions, also in the California State University at Northridge Piano Competition, and the California Federation of Women's Clubs Music Competition.

He has performed with the Fremont-Newark Philharmonic, Stanford Symphony Orchestra, Westchester Symphony, Ventura Symphony, and California Chamber Symphony, and has given numerous recitals at Stanford.

Tickets will be \$6 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold in advance at Stanford Barn Box Office and at the door.



James Allen (No. 33) beats out his San Jose opponent for a rebound as team-mate Terry Butts (No. 23) waits for the action to return to earth.

## Crawford, Holt shine in loss Owls lose squeaker to San Jose

By RANDY RALSTIN

Foothill College's basketball team "turned-over" a league opening victory into the hands of visiting San Jose City College, Wednesday, Jan. 4, as the Owls fell in overtime, 54-53.

The Owls closed out the first half with a 22-18 lead, and led most of the second half, reaching an 8-point lead on three separate occasions, but were unable to hold off SJCC.

"We were in the driver's seat," commented coach Jerry Cole, "but we made some crucial turnovers."

The nemesis that plagued the Owls throughout the game was not SJCC but the Owls themselves; they committed 23 turnovers, enabling SJCC to regain and later take control.

Trailing 51-49 in the closing seconds, Foothill's Jeff Wright shot a 60-foot desperation shot that swished the net at the buzzer, causing Owl fans to nurture hopes of winning the game in overtime.

However, the Owls were unable to capitalize on their opportunity. With the seconds quickly ticking away, the Owls tried to set up Sophomore Anthony Holt, who led the Owls in scoring with 18 points, for the last shot. But Holt forced an off-balance shot, leaving the Owls with a 54-53 defeat.

The Owls showed good poise from the line, shooting 15 of 20 but were hindered by foul trouble early in the second half, as Keith Crawford picked up his fourth foul and Reggie Allen fouled out with three minutes remaining.

"It was a heartbreaker," said Allen, "especially after Wright sunk that 60-footer."

"We should never have gone into overtime," Cole said. "But a team can't win making those kinds of mistakes."

Foothill came back strong, after their overtime loss to SJCC, as the Owls humbled West Valley, 74-69, Friday, Jan. 6 to even its GGC record to 1-1.



Leading the Owl attack was Keith Crawford with 22 points and Anthony Holt with 16 points.

Freshman guard Jack Tood sank crucial free throws in the second half, finished with 11 points, nine of 10 from the line.

Foothill will be hosting De Anza, Wednesday, Jan. 11.

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Keith Crawford (No. 41) watches from the sidelines while anxiously awaiting his turn to play.

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## On your marks, get set--track!

By TONJA WRIGHT

The Foothill men's and women's track teams will begin practice next week, with their first pre-season meet on February 18. Time trials will be held before then to assess the caliber of runners.

Coach Dwayne Harms is "guardedly optimistic" about the upcoming season. "I feel both teams look good at this point, but we still have hard work ahead of us," said Harms.

The strength and depth for the men's team lies in the 440 yard run, the 440 hurdles, and the 100-200 meter short sprints.

"The middle distance for the men is less populous," said Harms, "however, we have an outstanding middle distance runner in Larry Guinee."

Guinee won the California state championship for the mile, while at Castro high school, and is one of Foothill's strongest middle distance runners.

Pete Rosser, another middle distance runner, is the returning conference champ in the 1500 meters.

"I feel that our weakest area is the throwing events for the men," said Harms. "We also don't have as much depth as I'd like to see in the middle distance."

The women's track team is working from the basis of being the number one ranked women's cross-country team in the state. "This adds strength and credibility to the team," commented Harms.

The women's team has two returning conference champs. Jill Crisler is a double conference champ in the javelin and shot put, and Kerry Brogan is a double conference champ in the 1500 meters and 3000 meters. "We have a newcomer whom I am very excited about. Krista Wendt runs the 800 and 1500 meters, and she is a very strong runner," said Harms. Eurdell Jackson is a strong returning sprinter and relay runner for the women's team.

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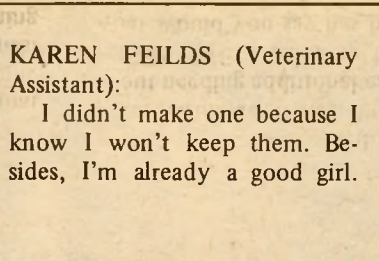
# ON THE SPOT

By JOHN RADEBOLD & PAUL LIU

What was your New Year's resolution?



**STEVE GOCKA (Frisbee):**  
To cut down on my drinking and to play Frisbee. I've been drinking a lot so I'm going to cut down.



**KAREN FEILDS (Veterinary Assistant):**  
I didn't make one because I know I won't keep them. Besides, I'm already a good girl.



**KIRSTEN KING (Undeclared):**  
I didn't make one. I don't like New Year's resolutions, they never work out right. I made one to stop smoking but I started again.



**DONN PAULK (Geology):**  
This is the first year I didn't make one. I make my resolutions during the year anyway. Besides, I was too busy working at the Dead shows this year."



**BROOK JENSON (Undeclared):**  
I don't make them on principle. You can't use your environment as a catalyst for change, you have to use yourself as a catalyst.

## Police Blotter

By GEORGI HIGUERAS

TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 1984

9:35 a.m. Petty Theft of the Lot D pay telephone was reported by Kathy Randall. Sgt. Storton took the report.

THURSDAY, Jan. 5

11:31 a.m. Accident at El Monte Road. Sgt. Storton took the report. Property damage only.

11:28 a.m. Hit and run accident in Student Lot C reported by John B. Jamison. Sgt. Storton took the report.

11:54 a.m. Person with broken arm returning from a field trip in Half Moon Bay was taken to the nurse's office. No report was taken.

FRIDAY, Jan. 6

9:46 a.m. A dead dog was reported by Rebecca Klein at the bike racks near the forum. Sgt. Storton was unable to locate the animal because it turned out to be a pile of dead leaves.

## Poets read at Palo Alto campus

By SUSANNA SCHWEICKHARDT

*A poem is a fat  
stone goddess  
on a cart  
pushed uphill.*

*Grunting and straining  
the poet must  
make it all seem  
effortless.*

These lines are from "Ars Poetica," a poem by Palo Alto poet Bob Evans. Evans read this and another poem, "Immigrants," at a regular monthly reading held recently at Foothill's Palo Alto Campus and sponsored by Waverley Writers, a local group begun about three years ago.

The group holds its reading on the first Friday of every month. The readings are open; anyone with a poem or a piece

of prose to read may present it. The audience, like the poetry here, is a mixture of homey and sophisticated, morbid and lighthearted. Many of the poets began writing in English instructor Richard Maxwell's creative writing class.

Maxwell, who has been teaching at the Palo Alto campus since 1974, has been doing creative writing of his own since 1969. "I taught my first creative writing class then, and I couldn't ask my students to do anything I wouldn't do," he says.

Maxwell estimates that he has run approximately 600 students through his classes in his ten years at the Palo Alto campus. "We had to have a minimum of 20 people [to make a class] and it never failed," he said. "Sometimes we even had two sections."

Waverley Writers became a separate group in 1980, formed by some people

who had been in Maxwell's class for several years. They started as a mutual criticism group and began giving readings, called Poetry in Performance, in the fall of 1981. The Poetry in Performance series included a jazz poetry evening, where Maxwell and student Hazel Lane read their work and a jazz combo that included English instructor Denny Berthiaume played.

## Clements

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been successful. In implementing this we have to gain approval from the curriculum committee in accordance with the instructor's contract. It is not a one-step process. We have instituted larger classes in humanities, science, philosophy and computer science. We are now trying to assess how effective they have been. Overall we have met our productivity goals and people throughout the college have responded well.

**SENTINEL:** Are you aware of the registration endurance test the students had to go through for the winter quarter? Can we expect an improvement in the situation?

**CLEMENTS:** I've heard grousing about registration every quarter I've spent at a Community College. The fact that our registration system is on a first come first serve basis is conducive to long lines. I haven't heard any more complaining

than is normal for registration time. Our problem is that we're understaffed and can't carry surplus employees permanently just to be available for registration, that would be very costly. The good and the bad is that people who really want to get in class stand in line and register.

**SENTINEL:** But two weeks of long lines every day?

**CLEMENTS:** I don't believe there have been two weeks of long lines. I would like to space the people out more and survey the lines constantly to weed out people who may be in the wrong line. More terminals could be utilized but the problem with that is with cashiers. You can't set up new cashier locations as readily as new computer terminals. I hear more complaints about needing additional cashiers.

**SENTINEL:** Looking back on 1983, what would you say has been your most

disappointing and your most satisfying experience as President?

**CLEMENTS:** I don't really have a major disappointment. I am disappointed essentially by the legislature and Governor using the Community Colleges as a political football.

**SENTINEL:** In this year of 1984, do you view Orwell as a prophet?

**CLEMENTS:** I don't view Orwell's book as a prophecy. I think he was writing about the Soviet Union and expressing his opposition to their system. Actually, within the College system it is now much more difficult to get information about a student. There is less accessibility to student records than before because of the Buckley Act. In our computer society, certainly there is more capacity for keeping records and the use of the social security number is seen as a threat to privacy by many. However, I do not feel threatened by this.

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